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JUNE 15 is World Elder Abuse Day

According to a United Nations' study in 2017, **1 in 6 older persons were subjected to abuse**¹. The social isolation and increased stresses resulting from COVID-19 created a significant risk for elder abuse. Heightened healthcare restrictions also prohibited community health care workers from going into people's homes. Per the Department of Justice's research on crime and abuse to seniors most often occurs in the home, and not in nursing homes/residential settings². Therefore, it is important that we pay special attention to our seniors who are living in their homes and have minimal social networks.

How do we prevent elder abuse? The Canada Safety Council suggests several things that we can do³:

- Learn about the signs of elder abuse and neglect.
- Call and visit as often as you can. Help the elder consider you a trusted confidante.
- Watch for possible financial abuse. Ask the elder if you may scan bank accounts and credit card statements for unauthorized transactions.
- Offer to stay with the elder so their family caregiver can have a break on a regular basis.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE DRAKE MEDOX COLLEGE?



Kenneth Francisco: *"At first I was hesitant to study because of financial concerns, but when a friend of mine explained all the pros and cons of going back to school again, it made me think "why not"? With the flexibility of class schedules I was able to pick when I studied. That was very important to me and why I joined Drake Medox College. My decision to pursue an education was not only for myself but for my family as well."*

Instructor Spotlight: Shenna Werner



Background: LPN and currently completing RN

Favourite thing about Drake Medox College: My favourite thing about Drake so far is the support given to their Instructors. I feel heard and taken care of. I also appreciate how Drake fully supports their students to become successful in their chosen careers. It's wonderful to see.

Message to students: I want my students to always remember that infinite patience, never-ending empathy, and a kind heart will go a long way, and in just 6 months they can turn their passion into a rewarding career!

¹ <https://www.un.org/en/observances/elder-abuse-awareness-day/>

² <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/cj-jp/fv-vf/crim/sum-som.html>

³ <https://canadasafetycouncil.org/preventing-elder-abuse/>

LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM ALUMNI

Marilyn Valmores



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"There's only gratitude and profound appreciation I have to give to Drake Medox as they helped me make my life better. I recall the moments when I was still worried about applying because I still had not received my PR, but Mam Myrine Baluyot encouraged me. I would like to thank the instructors like Mam Nancy Guzman and Sir Daryl who equipped me with extensive training, positive support, and a boost of morale throughout the school year. The staff of Drake Medox were all accommodating as they helped me with all my requirements. Also, I would like to show my love to my peers who became my second family through the classes. It was a blessing to be able to graduate from Drake Medox in 2019. They gifted me with a wonderful experience and deeper understanding of what it takes to be a Care Aide. Currently, I am working at Blenheim Lodge and sharing and practicing what I learned through my training. Even though there is a pandemic, I feel fortunate that I was able to retain work, and I have my training at Drake Medox to thank for that!"

**CONGRATULATIONS to our
Mother's Day Contest Winners:**



Regina Lopez



Rajwant Bjatti



Lanah Joye

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FATHER'S DAY
CONTEST DETAILS**

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

**Celebrating our LGBTQ
Community and the promotion of
love, equality and acceptance for all
this month and every month!**

