

NBHSA Standardized Curriculum for Home Support Employees

The New Brunswick Home Support Association (NBHSA) is pleased to announce that the document detailing its *new* standardized curriculum for home support workers is now available. Comprised of 12 curriculum modules, the document outlines expected worker outcomes for each module. It also contains recommended written and people resources to assist in the delivery of the modules and depicts the number of classroom, laboratory and practice hours workers must undertake during their program of studies. Unique features of the curriculum include (1) the Body Mechanics module specifically designed through WorkSafe NB to address care at home, and (2) the Workplace Safety and Protection module with its comprehensive focus on (a) environmental protection, (b) protection of people, i.e. the client and worker, (c) protection from hazardous materials, and (d) protection from falls.

Developed in partnership with stakeholders representing client groups, the provincial Departments of Social Development and Post-Secondary Education, Training & Labour and home care health professionals, this new curriculum replaces the many and varied curricula which have been offered in the past throughout the province. Allowing time for the transition, this curriculum will become the educational standard in the NB Home Support Services Standards as of April 2014. All home support training providers in the province will be required to align to this new curriculum. Updates to the curriculum and review of agencies and institutions offering worker training will take place through two standing committees of the Association, i.e. the NBHSA Curriculum Committee and the NBHSA Program Review Committee respectively.

For further information and to order the *NBHSA Standardized Curriculum for Home Support Employees* contact NBHSA's Executive Director, Janet Gee, who can be reached at janet.gee@nb.sympatico.ca or 1-888-562-8333.

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