



Northern Tour 2026: Exploring Career Opportunities in Health Care in Northern Ontario Communities

**April 27 to May 1, 2026 – Collège Boréal,
Sudbury, Timmins, Matheson, Iroquois Falls,
Cochrane, Smooth Rock Falls, Kapuskasing,
Hearst, and Chapleau**

From April 27 to May 1, 2026, Collège Boréal, in partnership with Sault College and Northern College, took part in the Northern Tour, a recruitment initiative focused on hard-to-fill positions in health care. The initiative aimed to connect the next generation of health care professionals with employers in rural, remote, and Northern communities in Ontario.

A total of 39 students from the three institutions took part in this immersive experience, including 20 from Collège Boréal. These students were enrolled in the Practical Nursing, Personal Support Worker, and Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs. A nursing professor at Collège Boréal,

Joelle Lachance Artindale, also accompanied the group.

To visit more facilities, participants were divided into two groups with separate itineraries. Throughout the week, the two groups visited a variety of workplaces, including hospitals and long-term care homes in Sudbury, Timmins, Matheson, Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, Smooth Rock Falls, Kapuskasing, Hearst, and Chapleau.

This initiative was aimed primarily at students in the final year of their program, as well as recent graduates who were preparing to enter the workforce and considering careers in Northern Ontario communities. The tour gave them an opportunity to meet directly with employers facing ongoing recruitment challenges, visit workplaces, speak with health care professionals, and learn about life in these communities.

By providing this hands-on experience, the Northern Tour helps prepare the next generation of health care professionals while supporting the recruitment of qualified workers in regions where needs are greatest. Collège Boréal is proud to take part in this initiative, which supports the development of Francophone communities and improves access to health care in Northern Ontario.

About the CNFS

The Consortium national de formation en santé (CNFS) is a pan-Canadian group of sixteen colleges and universities that offer French-language study programs in various health disciplines, as well as regional partners, with the financial support of Health Canada.

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