

# PracticeNWT

## HSS Professionals Newsletter

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### Achieving System-Wide Accreditation

Congratulations to all Northwest Territories Health and Social Services System Staff on achieving System-Wide Accreditation from Accreditation Canada! All three Authorities scored 95% or better!

This “Accredited” status confirms that the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services System provides high-quality care and services, adhering to national standards of excellence. Ongoing efforts to improve and dedication to providing quality care to residents have made this significant achievement possible.

Accreditation is an intensive and ongoing process of assessing health and social services organizations against standards of excellence to identify what is being done well and what needs to be improved. It helps create better health care and social services for you, your family, and your community. It allows organizations to understand how to make better use of their resources, increase efficiency, enhance quality and safety, and reduce risk, ultimately benefiting our residents.

Accreditation provides health care and service organizations with an independent, third-party assessment of their organization using standards built upon best practices used and validated by similar organizations around the world.

Achieving the Accredited status is not just a system-wide accomplishment but a reflection of our commitment to the highest standards of care and safety. This achievement is a testament to our commitment to continuous quality improvement & excellence in healthcare.

Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and commitment in shaping a healthier and brighter future for the Northwest Territories!



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Employee Profile:

## Jordan Bassett, Quality Improvement Coordinator

Jordan began her career with the Hay River Health and Social Services Authority in 2006, stepping into the medical clinic at just 20 years old. Her journey continued as an Admin in Public Health for six years, followed by a role as the territorial Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Administrator for another six years. In late 2018, Jordan transitioned to her current role as the Quality Improvement Coordinator.

A lifelong resident of the Northwest Territories, Jordan has spent most of her time in Hay River, with a few years in Pine Point. She is a busy mom of four—three daughters and one son, ranging in age from 5 to 21. With her children actively involved in hockey, figure skating, and other extracurricular activities. Jordan humorously remarks that she might as well set up camp at the arena. When she's not cheering them on, Jordan and her family enjoy baking, cooking, camping, fishing, quadding, and dirt biking.

Jordan's role as an EMR Administrator ignited her passion for education, as she found herself navigating complex interactions with vendors and IT professionals.

*"It took me a full year to find the right program. With three kids at home, I couldn't attend in-person classes, and finding an accredited online program took some time."*

Jordan eventually discovered an entirely online program from Nova Scotia's Center of Distance Education, which included annual practicums. During her second practicum, Jordan authored a paper titled *"ePrescribing: An Important Part of Medication,"* leading to an invitation to present at the Global Telemedicine and eHealth Conference in Luxembourg.

*"It was fascinating to see how different our worlds are! There were people from all over, and it's important for northerners to share their unique perspectives. If you have something to write about, do it—the only thing they can say is no."*

Earning her Certified Health Information Management (CHIM) Designation further deepened Jordan's

understanding of health information management, emphasizing patient safety, privacy, and confidentiality.

In her role as Quality Improvement Coordinator, Jordan focuses on ensuring the Authority is client-centered, enhancing processes and policies. A major part of her role involves Accreditation — helping the Hay River Health and Social Services System recognize their strengths and pinpoint areas for improvement.

*"It's incredible to witness the collaboration across the organization!"*

In addition to her work with Accreditation, Jordan is committed to lifelong learning, continuously refining processes, enhancing efficiency, and driving personal and professional development.

Thank you for your dedication to improvement and Accreditation, Jordan! You are an inspiration!



## Employee Profile and Program Highlight:

## **Julia Leonardis, Ophthalmic Medical Technologist Training Program**



Congratulations to Julia Leonardis on her graduation from the Ophthalmic Medical Technologist Training Program (OMTTP) earlier this summer! Julia worked extremely hard over the two-year program to attain her graduate certificate and will be joining the clinic for a six-month term.

The OMTTP is a full-time, two-year program that trains students in the NWT to become certified Ophthalmic Medical Technologists. Based at the NTHSSA - Stanton Territorial Hospital Ophthalmology Clinic in Yellowknife, the program is recognized across Canada as one of the leading programs in this field. The majority of training takes place in Yellowknife in a classroom and clinic setting, and in travel clinics throughout the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. Recruitment for the program typically occurs every two years and the OMTTP is the primary source for technicians for the NTHSSA.

Tentative intake for the 2025-27 Training Program will commence in early 2025 for a September 2025 start.

Further details about the program can be found on the PracticeNWT website! Check it out here: <https://www.practicenwt.ca/en/omtpp>

## Events

# Łiwegòatì Building Opening!

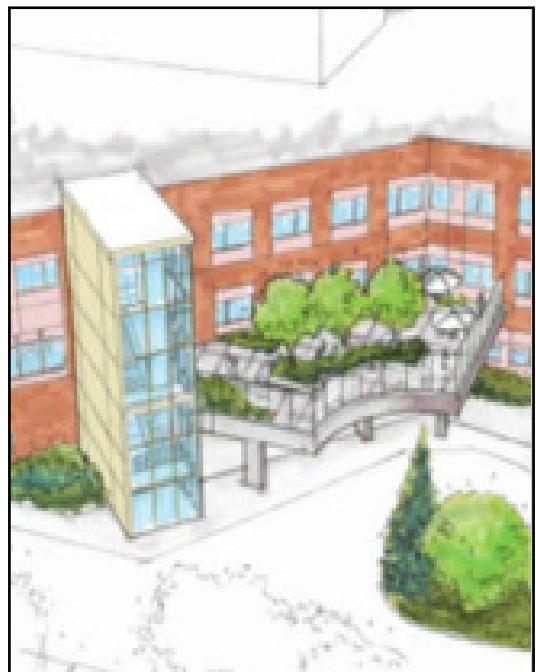
The Łiwegòatì facility opened for its first patient on May 30th, 2024!

Creating a campus of care around the Stanton Territorial Hospital site allows for increased convenience to access services in one location for residents who live in Yellowknife, and those who travel to Yellowknife from other communities for care and services.

Services available in the Łiwegòatì building include:

- Primary Care Services
- Outpatient Services & Rehabilitation
- Audiology Services
- Child Development Team
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Speech Language Pathology

For additional information, including how to book appointments for the health services you need, please visit [www.nthssa.ca](http://www.nthssa.ca) or the NTHSSA Facebook page.



# Upcoming Fall Conferences and Career Fairs

PracticeNWT is gearing up for the Fall 2024 conference and career fair season! This is where you can find us next!

## September

16 to 19 PEER North & UAlberta Yellowknife Workshop  
 19 to 21 PEER North 2024, Yellowknife, NT  
 19 to 20 BC Society of Respiratory Therapists, Kamloops, BC  
 23 to 25 Critical Care Nursing Conference 2024, Regina, SK  
 26 to 29 St. Paul's Emergency Medicine Update, Whistler, BC

## October

16 to 19 Canadian Society of Internal Medicine, Hamilton, ON  
 25 to 27 Sonocon 2024, Vancouver, BC

## November

14 to 15 CAPWHN Annual Conference, Montreal, QC  
 16 to 17 Rocky Mountain Internal Med, Canmore, AB  
 26 to 28 St. Paul's CME Primary Care Physicians, Vancouver, BC

If you are attending these conferences, be sure to stop by the PracticeNWT booth to chat!



Frank Walsh and Mark Piercy

# PEER NORTH MEDICAL CONFERENCE

September 19-21, 2024 Yellowknife, NT

Registration is Now Open!

[www.PEERNorth.ca](http://www.PEERNorth.ca) #PEERNorth2024



Mark your calendars and make sure you register for this year's [PEER North conference](#) in Yellowknife from September 19 - 21, 2024!

PEER North is an entertaining and informative evidence-based educational conference focused on northern medicine.

The exciting Pre-Conference workshops have limited space, so register today!

- Wilderness Medicine – max 16 participants
- Evidence Based Medicine – max 15 participants
- [ACLS](#) & [PALS](#) courses provided by Advanced Medical Solutions (AMS) available as well!

To Register and for more information check out [PEERNorth.ca](http://PEERNorth.ca).

# Community Events Fall 2024

In the Northwest Territories, fall brings a stunning transformation as vibrant yellows and reds paint the tundra. Crisp air and the first frosts signal the onset of winter. The aurora borealis begins to dance across the night sky, offering a breathtaking display amid the season's serene beauty.



There are events throughout the NWT all year but check out some of our Fall events!

## Fort Simpson

Fridays [Historical Society Chase the Ace](#)

## Fort Smith

Saturdays until September 28 [Desnedé Farmer's Market](#)

[September 14 Whooping Crane Festival](#)

[September 15 Fort Smith Terry Fox Run](#)

September 26 [New York International Vocal Ensemble](#)

## Hay River

Saturdays until September 14 [Fisherman's Wharf](#)

[Outdoor Market](#)

Thursdays until September 12 [Thursday Nights at the](#)

[Zoo](#)

## Inuvik

Wednesdays and Saturdays until September 7 [Arctic Market](#)

## Yellowknife

Daily until September 30 [Yellowknife Scavenger Hunt](#)

Tuesdays until September 10 [Farmers Market](#)

September 14 [CIBC Run for Our Lives - Mud Run](#)

September 15 [Yellowknife Terry Fox Run](#)

September 16 [Yellowknife Golf Club Glow Ball Tournament](#)

## The NWT HSS Bursary Program

Are you an NWT resident currently pursuing an education in a high demand health and social services field such as medical occupations, allied health, midwifery, nursing? Could you use extra funding for school?

Applications for the 2024-2025 school year are being considered on an ongoing basis, as funding remains.

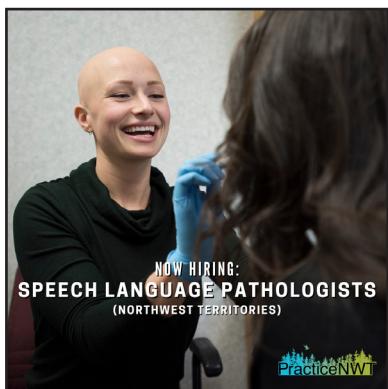
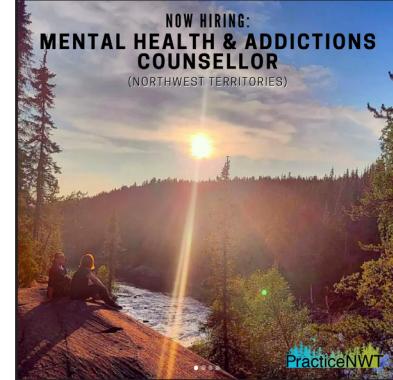
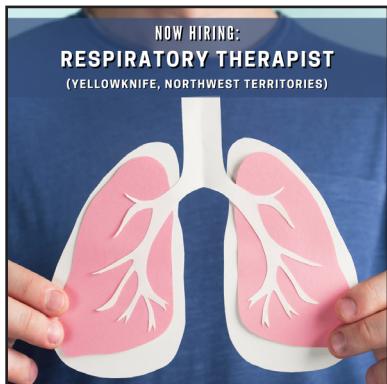
Learn more by visiting [PracticeNWT.ca](#) or by emailing [NWTHSS\\_Bursary@gov.nt.ca](mailto:NWTHSS_Bursary@gov.nt.ca)

Scan Me!



## Current Opportunities

We are excited to tell you about our current openings for Health and Social Service Professional positions, offering competitive salaries and an impressive benefits package. Join us and experience the breathtaking natural beauty and rich cultural heritage of the Northwest Territories.



**Health & Social Services Leadership**  
[Director, Child, Family, & Community](#)  
[Wellness](#)

### Allied Health

[Child Development Team Coordinator](#)  
[Combined Laboratory / Radiology](#)  
[Community Dietitian, North](#)  
[Dietitian, Diabetes Educator](#)  
[Home Support Worker](#)  
[Laboratory Techologist](#)  
[Occupational Therapists](#)  
[Respiratory Therapists](#)  
[Sonographers](#)  
[Speech Language Pathologists](#)  
[Staff Pharmacist](#)  
[Supervisor, Diagnostic Imaging](#)

### Midwives

### Nursing

[Acute Care](#)  
[Clinical Coordinator](#)  
[Clinical Nurse Educator](#)  
[Community Health Nurses](#)

[Community Health Supervisor](#)

[Long Term Care](#)

[Manager, Continuing Care Services](#)

[Nurse in Charge](#)

[Obstetrics](#)

[Regional Supervisor, Long Term Care](#)

[Supervisor, Long Term Care](#)

### Nurse Practitioners

[Mental Health Nurse Practitioner](#)  
[Territorial Nurse Practitioner- Public Health](#)

### Licensed Practical Nurses

[Home Care / Foot Care](#)  
[Long Term / Extended Care](#)  
[Long Term Care](#)

### Social Work

[Child and Youth Counsellors](#)  
[Community Wellness Worker](#)  
[Community Social Services Worker](#)  
[Family & Community Social Workers](#)  
[Healthy Families Worker](#)  
[Mental Health & Addictions Counsellors](#)

If you are interested in looking at a full list of opportunities, please visit our Careers Page at  
<https://www.practicenwt.ca/en/hss-careers> or reach out to us at:

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