



## FRANCO SANTÉ PROJECT

### PROJECT INTENTION:

The RÉSEFAN contributes to developing the skills of future health and social services professionals who attend English-language postsecondary institutions to enable them to interact with Francophone patients and, in particular, to make them aware of the importance of actively offering health care services in the patients' preferred language.

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

To identify Francophone and Francophile students enrolled in healthcare and social services programs in targeted English-language postsecondary education institutions.

Equipped Francophone and Francophile students to offer French-language services to minority Francophone and Acadian communities.

### PROJECT DURATION:

3 years (April 2020-March 2023)

### INITIATIVES AND BENEFITS FOR OUR COMMUNITY:

- Increased the visibility of the Franco-Nunavummiut community and the RÉSEFAN's *Welcoming and professional integration service* with respect to various health and social services programs in English-language postsecondary institutions, primarily in Quebec.
- Introduction of Nunavut's environment, partners and health care system.
- Awareness of the active offer of French-language services.
- Opportunity to welcome future trainees who understand the realities of official language minority communities.

### PARTNERS AND CONTRIBUTORS:

- Réseau Santé – Nova Scotia (resource network)
- Newfoundland and Labrador Réseau Santé en français (resource network)

### ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Liaised with training institutions to organize conferences on accessing health care services in the patients' preferred language.
- Mailed promotional and educational materials kits to training institutions.
- Developed a promotional video aimed at reaching the health and social services programs of English-language postsecondary institutions, primarily in Quebec.
- Met with two medical students from English-language postsecondary institutions.
- Offered to take part in French-language activities for health care students (Café de Paris, simulated patient language skills, Canada-wide French-language health activities, etc.).
- Took part in simulated patient language skills training.

