

Indigenous Nurses Day 2022

April 10th, 2022 and April 11th, 2022

Recognition



Edith Monture



Rose Casper

In 1971, the International Council of Nurses (ICN) designated May 12 as International Nurses Day on the birthday of Florence Nightingale (1820-1910). In 1985, the Canadian Nursing Association (CNA) proclaimed the week of May 12 as National Nurses Week.

In 2020, during the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife, the New Zealand Nurses' Organization (NZNO) made a statement that "*the historical figures whom we choose to venerate say a lot about who we are*" and became the first national nursing organization to publicly choose not to celebrate Florence Nightingale due to the painful history and legacy of colonial caring, violence, and trauma.

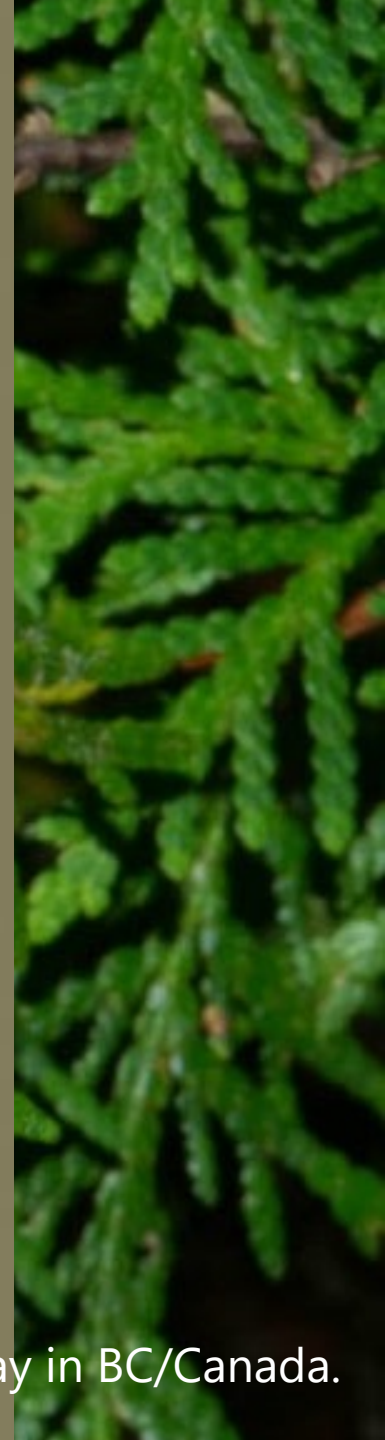
Considering recent efforts to dismantle harmful colonial legacies and increased calls for Indigenous-specific cultural safety and anti-racism in the Canadian healthcare system, many Indigenous nurses are calling for April 10 to be designated as Indigenous Nurses Day in honour of both *Charlotte Edith Anderson Monture*, the first Indigenous person to be recognized and practice as a Registered Nurse in Canada and *Rose Casper*, first Indigenous Nurse in Western Canada.



Charlotte Edith Anderson Monture

April 10, 1890

Charlotte Edith Anderson Monture was born April 10, 1890 on the Six Nations Reserve. She became the first Indigenous person in Canada to be recognized as registered nurse, served in World War 1, and became the first Indigenous woman to vote as a result of the Military Voters Act of 1917. In 1960, when all Indigenous Peoples gained the right to vote, her home served as a polling station helping to enfranchise Indigenous voters. Edith passed away in 1996, the same year the last Indian Hospital and Residential Schools officially closed in Canada. We honour her birth, legacy and advocacy on this historic day.



We are working together and gaining traction to have April 10th recognized as Indigenous Nurses Day in BC/Canada.



Rose Casper

St'at'imc Nation

Rose Casper of the St'at'imc Nation was the first Indigenous nurse in Western Canada. She attended the Kamloops Indian Residential School and was among the first students to enter high school, graduating in 1952. In 1955 Rose graduated from the St. Josephs School of Nursing located in Victoria, BC. Rose worked in her home community of Shalalth as a nurse for over 50 years. To honour her legacy and service to her community, the Rose Casper Healing Centre was opened in Shalalth in 2003. The Centre remains a fixture in the community offering wellness services that are both traditional and contemporary.

#IndigNursDay



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10:00 am

Sunday, April 10th, 2022

April 10 is the calendar date collectively chosen among Indigenous nurse leaders to celebrate Indigenous Nurses Day. We recognize Charlotte Edith Anderson Monture as a matriarch for Indigenous health and a sister of nursing for Indigenous RNs, RPNs and LPNs across Turtle Island. Edith is recognized, through an Indigenous nurse view as the first registered Indigenous nurse in Canada.

Livestream Details:

Watch for social media for Indigenous nurses video!

Agenda - Monday, April 11th, 2022

Morning Grandmothers Circle and Ceremony: 8:00 - 9:00 am

Opening Welcome: Colleen Seymour, Facilitated by Michelle Padley

Indigenous Nurse Grandmothers: Evelyn Voyageur Marilyn VanBibber, & Kétéskwēw

Afternoon Celebration and Gathering: 12:00 -1:30 pm


Indigenous Nurse Grandmothers: Rose Miller & Kétéskwēw

- ◆ **12:00 pm - Opening Welcome**
- ◆ **12:10 pm – Recognition & Acknowledgement**
(ILC/IHNR/FNHA/BCNU/NNPBC)
- ◆ **12:15 #IndigNursDay Video (8 min)**
- ◆ **12:20 pm - Tributes to first leaders: Monture Family** (Catherine Tanski)
- ◆ **12:50 pm - Tributes to first leaders: Casper Family** (Nikki Hunter Porter)
- ◆ **1:20 pm – Indigenous Nurse “Closing Address”** (Lucy Barney)

Evening Intergenerational Indigenous Nurses Circle – 7:00 pm (1 hour)

Opening Welcome: Grandmothers: June Shakely, Marilyn VanBibber, & Kétéskwēw

Facilitated by Christina Chakanyuka



**Celebrating
Indigenous Nurses
in BC ~
(Virtual Event Day)**

*Would you be willing
to join the April 11th
Activities to share
your experiences in
nursing?*

Our Strength Lies in Our Roots



Edith Monture



Rose Casper



Jean Goodwill



Dr Evelyn Voyageur



**Madeleine
Kétéskwēw
Dion Stout**



Rose Miller



**Marilyn Van
Bibber**



June Shackley

Honour an Indigenous Nurse Campaign

Sunday BCNU, INHR & NNPBC: Launch an Online Video.

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*“Culture is foundation to wellness.
We can change the heart of society
one nurse at a time”*

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Dr. gilgalet'lk Evelyn Voyageur

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