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**PRIMARY CARE IS IN SESSION!
THE CHATHAM-KENT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRES OFFER HEALTH CLINICS AT THE RIDGETOWN CAMPUS OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH**

Students at the Ridgetown Campus of the University of Guelph (University) are now offered exams and tests that do not require any studying. The Chatham-Kent Community Health Centres (CKCHC) have set up shop at the campus providing primary care services to students by a CKCHC Nurse Practitioner. This partnership came at an opportune time for both the CKCHC and the University.

Looking to extend their service reach by understanding the current lay of the healthcare land, the CKCHC called a meeting with community partners. Brought forward during this meeting was the gap in primary care services at the University. This prompted the CKCHC to contact the University for further information and to potentially discuss a partnership. The CKCHC learned that the University had been without healthcare services and the proposed partnership was a welcomed opportunity.



Following a tour of the campus, the CKCHC soon became a permanent resident of the University. “The University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus is certainly grateful for the partnership established with the CKCHC. Having a Nurse Practitioner on campus to meet the needs of our students is extremely crucial in the overall success of each and every person we have in our campus community. Being able to provide front line health services together with the CKCHC has proven invaluable and has been a seamless transition that we hope will continue to grow our campus,” states Vicki King, University Residence and Recreation Coordinator.

Current transient students rely on the local Emergency Department for their healthcare needs as their provider is out of reach in their hometown. “Through this partnership, we are pleased to be able to provide the students in Ridgetown with the opportunity to receive primary care by the most appropriate provider. Subsequently, this will help ease the burden on our local emergency departments,” explains Ashley McLellan, CKCHC Director of Clinical and Client Services.

Primary care services are available to transient students every Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The ability to self-book appointments will be an upcoming feature for students on the CKCHC website.

For more information, please contact Ashley McLellan, CKCHC Director of Clinical and Clients Services, at 519-397-5455.

Mission

In partnership with our clients and community, we provide access to comprehensive services that promote wellness and improved health. En partenariat avec nos clients et la communauté, nous donnons accès à une gamme complète de services qui favorisent le mieux-être et améliorent la santé.

Vision

The best possible health for those we serve.
La meilleure santé possible pour les personnes que nous servons.