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### **Nurse Samantha Arsenault - Attentive, Discreet and Efficient**

**SUMMERSIDE, PEI, January 12, 2018** – The purpose of the PEI French Health Network's Étoile Santé campaign is to promote, recruit and make people aware of health professionals who offer French-language services on Prince Edward Island. The Health Network is pleased to announce that this month's Étoile Santé is nurse Samantha Arsenault.

Samantha Arsenault, who works in surgery and restorative care at the Prince County Hospital, has considerable nursing experience. This hard-working individual discreetly and efficiently helps her patients get well after surgery.

Samantha graduated from École Évangéline in 2006. She continued her education in nursing at Université de Moncton, receiving her degree in December 2010. During her last two years of study, she took part in a provincial government sponsorship program. In addition to awarding her a scholarship, the provincial government guaranteed her a two-year position in PEI. "I started to work in Prince County Hospital's medical and palliative care unit. After my maternity leave, my two-year position was coming to an end, so I applied for a permanent position in surgery. I've been there since August 2013."

Samantha was named Étoile Santé for her discretion and hard work. She is a positive person, an important quality to have in the field of health and as part of a team. In addition to all these skills, Samantha Arsenault also speaks French. "I enjoy being able to speak French to the patients in my unit, but I am also called upon to go to the Emergency Department or other areas of the hospital to serve as an interpreter. It's important to understand and to be understood when there's an accident or health issues, as much for the patient as for the people with him or her," indicated Samantha Arsenault.

She is the mother of two young children and a talented fiddler. She has been a member of a few musical groups and still occasionally performs with her husband, Nick Arsenault. She even finds time to get involved in the community as she is the chairperson of the Pomme et Rinette early years centre board of directors.

When she tells people what she does for a living, they often respond: "It takes a special person to be a nurse." This efficient and reliable professional is certainly living proof of that.

Samantha Arsenault's contact information can be found in the bilingual service provider directory at [www.santeipe.ca/repertoire](http://www.santeipe.ca/repertoire). Anyone can nominate health professionals who actively offer French

language health services in Prince Edward Island for a chance to win \$500. For more information on the Étoile Santé campaign or to nominate someone directly on the PEIFHN's Web site, go to [www.santeipe.ca](http://www.santeipe.ca).

*The PEI French Health Network is a non-profit organization that collaborates with various partners in order to improve access to quality French-language health services and programs for Prince Edward Island's Acadian and Francophone population. The organization brings together representatives from target community groups, educational facilities, health professionals, health service managers and the provincial government. It is also one of 16 networks that make up the Société Santé en français. The PEI French Health Network is funded by Health Canada within the framework of the Roadmap for Canada's Official Languages 2013–2018: Education, Immigration, Communities.*

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