

Native Access Program

Application Package





Native Access Program Application Package Information:

What is the Native Access Program?

The Native Access Program is nine month preparatory program designed to provide you with the academic skills necessary for the successful completion of an undergraduate degree. You will study in a culturally supportive and friendly environment while you take courses in subject areas such as English, Math, Science, Indigenous Learning and University Transition. Upon successful completion of the Native Access Program you may choose to pursue and undergraduate degree at Lakehead University.

Who should apply to the Native Access Program?

Those who may be considered for admission to the Native Access Program must self-identify as Aboriginal (First Nation, Inuit or Metis) and be a recent high school graduate with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or a mature student. A mature student is a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident that has not been engaged in full-time studies for at least two years and has completed less than one year at a community college and does not meet the general admission requirements.

Please read the following instructions prior to starting your application:

Step 1: Complete each section on the **Native Access Program Application** on the next page.

Step 2: Order your **official copies of all previous academic transcript(s)**.

- A transcript is considered official when it is sent directly from the institution or is delivered by the applicant in a sealed envelope.

Step 3: Complete and submit the **two Reference Forms** that follow the application.

- References may include, but are not limited to, a teacher, a clergyman, an Elder or a community member. Your choice of reference should include individuals who can attest to your potential as a university student. **Your references cannot be family members.**

Step 4: Submit Your **Personal Resume**.

- On a separate document, please list your: work experiences (including raising children), volunteer activities, and educational background. Include such details as the name of the employer or volunteer organization, position title, responsibilities, and the time involved.

Step 5: Complete and submit your **Personal Statement** that follows the application and reference forms.

Once you have completed all of the above, please submit all documentation, including transcripts, to:

Native Access Program Coordinator

Email: nap@lakeheadu.ca

Phone: 807-346-7709

Fax: 807-346-7763



Native Access Program Application Form:

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:						
Last Name:		First Name:		Middle Name:		
Date of Birth: (YY/MM/DD)		Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Male		Are you an Aboriginal Person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (voluntary declaration) <input type="checkbox"/> No/Undeclared		
First Language Spoken:		Aboriginal Language Spoken:		Country of Citizenship:		
Name of your Band or Educational Authority (if applicable):			Phone Number:			
MAILING ADDRESS INFORMATION:						
Address: (House, Street #, Street Name)						
City:		Province:	Postal Code:		Country:	
Home Phone Number: (include area code)			Cell Phone Number: (include area code)			
Email Address:						
ACADEMIC HISTORY:						
Institutions Attended – High School, College, University, etc. – list the most recent first						
	Name of Institution: <i>(Port Arthur Collegiate Institute)</i>	Institution Type: <i>(i.e. High School)</i>	Dates Attended:			
			From:		To:	
			Month:	Year:	Month:	Year:
1.						
2.						
3.						
APPLICANT CHECKLIST:						
I have completed each section of the application from.					<input type="checkbox"/>	
I have made arrangements to have official copies of all of my previous academic transcript(s) sent to Enrolment Services – Undergraduate Admissions.					<input type="checkbox"/>	
I have completed the two Reference Forms and have attached them to this application.					<input type="checkbox"/>	
I have attached a copy of my Personal Resume to this application.					<input type="checkbox"/>	
I have completed my Personal Statement and have attached it to this application.					<input type="checkbox"/>	
SIGNATURE:						
<small>Personal information on this form is collected pursuant to section 14 of the Lakehead University Act and will be used to aid both deliberations on admission eligibility and essential administrative functions after admission. Any questions on this collection should be directed to: Manager of Undergraduate Admissions, Lakehead University, 955 Oliver Road, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5E1, telephone: (807) 343-8500. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the academic and financial regulations and penalty dates as published by Lakehead. I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is accurate and complete. I understand that incomplete, inaccurate, or false statements may cause my admission or registration to be rescinded. In addition, misrepresentation of my legal status in Canada could result in legal penalties. I am prepared to provide proof of my citizenship if required.</small>						
Signature:				Date:		

Applications will not be considered if they are not completed in full including signature of applicant.

Please return completed application to Enrolment Services – Undergraduate Admissions.



Native Access Program Reference Form #1:

Applicant's Name:			Date:	
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How long have you known the applicant for?	
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	1 (Poor)	2 (Fair)	3 (Average)	4 (Good)	5 (Excellent)
Maturity and emotional stability					
Ability to work independently					
Ability to work with others					
Capacity for change and openness to learning					
Ability to carry out responsibility					
Ability to be sensitive to others					
Ability to accept help and constructive criticism					
Ability to show care and concern for human life					
Ability to be resourceful, creative, and original					
Intellectual capacity to succeed in post- secondary education					
Facility in verbal communication					
Facility in written communication					
Capacity to use supervision effectively					
Ability to perform under pressure, and problem solve					
Ability to complete a university program (dedication, commitment)					
Potential for leadership					
Sensitivity to current social problems and issues					
Honesty					
Possesses excellent work ethics (punctual, professional)					

Additional Comments:

Referees Information:

Name:		Title:	
Address:			
Email:		Telephone:	
Signature:		Date:	

Please return completed reference to Enrolment Services – Undergraduate Admissions.



Native Access Program Reference Form #2:

Applicant's Name:			Date:	
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How long have you known the applicant for?	
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	1 (Poor)	2 (Fair)	3 (Average)	4 (Good)	5 (Excellent)
Maturity and emotional stability					
Ability to work independently					
Ability to work with others					
Capacity for change and openness to learning					
Ability to carry out responsibility					
Ability to be sensitive to others					
Ability to accept help and constructive criticism					
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Honesty					
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Additional Comments:

Referees Information:

Name:		Title:	
Address:			
Email:		Telephone:	
Signature:		Date:	

Please return completed reference to Enrolment Services – Undergraduate Admissions.



Native Access Program Personal Statement:

Applicant's Name:

Date:

Using the space below (feel free to add additional pages if you require more space), please tell us why you are interested in the Native Access Program. Your statement should include: your personal life experiences (both past and present) that have significantly influenced your plan to attend university; your strengths and weaknesses, and how do you believe these will help or hinder you in university; subjects or careers interest you; and the type of supports you have available while you are in university. Lastly, the Native Access Program is a full-time program and commitment, with full days and homework on evenings and weekends. How will you and your family support this?

Please return completed personal statement to Enrolment Services – Undergraduate Admissions.



Native Access Program Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I order my transcripts?

To order your secondary school transcript, contact your high school, or the appropriate school board to have one printed. If the institution will not mail a copy to Enrolment Services – Undergraduate Admissions, have them seal it in an envelope. You can drop off or resend the sealed envelope to Enrolment Services – Undergraduate Admissions. Our mailing address is below.

To order any post-secondary transcript(s), contact the Enrolment Services Department, or the Office of the Registrar at each institution, and request to have a copy of your transcripts mailed to:

Enrolment Services – Undergraduate Admissions

Lakehead University
955 Oliver Road
Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7B 5E1

I heard there is an interview as part of the admissions process. What can I expect?

After you have submitted all of your required documentation, you may be selected for an interview. If so, you will be notified by the Native Access Program Coordinator of your interview date and time. The interview is normally 30 minutes in length and consists of a panel called the “Selection Committee”. The Selection Committee members may include: the Aboriginal Counsellor/Liaison, an Aboriginal Educator, and the Registrar or designate. A support person (e.g. spouse, relative, or friend) is encouraged to attend the interview with you.

During the interview, statements will be presented by the Selection Committee to stimulate discussion. The interview will give you an opportunity to express your desires and future goals, as well as, clarify questions the Selection Committee members may have. In an interview your best resource is yourself. It is important to be on time and to be relaxed. We understand you will be nervous but we hope to provide a comfortable, non-threatening environment for you. Your spouse or partner is invited to accompany you.

During the interview what types of questions could I be asked?

- How did you become interested in attending the Native Access Program at Lakehead University? Can you tell us anything about the program?
 - What might you find challenging at Lakehead University? How do you think you might overcome these challenges?
 - When a problem arises, how do you handle it? What steps do you take to solve it?
 - What supports do you have to rely on in both your personal life and in school?
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