Indigenous Access Programs

Application



Lakehead UNIVERSITY

Indigenous Access Programs Application Information

What are Indigenous Access Programs?

Indigenous Access Programs are pathways to post-secondary education for Indigenous people (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) who do not meet the academic requirements to enter directly into university. Lakehead's access programs are full-time from September to April and are eligible for post-secondary preparatory year funding. There is no cost to apply. Program coordinators can assist with applications.

Lakehead University currently offers four access programs with different transition goals.
Details for each program are listed below.

The Indigenous Transition Year Program (ITYP)

Interested in Humanities and Arts Programs? Students can take ITYP and start in the following programs: Social Work, Outdoor Recreation, Education, Psychology (BA), Law, Anthropology, Sociology, Visual Arts, Music, Political Science, Indigenous Learning, Gender and Women's Studies.

The Indigenous STEM Access Program (ISTEM)

Have a curious mindset? Students can take ISTEM and start in the following programs: Geology, Forestry, Engineering, Veterinary School, Biology, Chemistry, Kinesiology, Physics, Psychology (BSC).

The Indigenous Nursing Entry Program (INEP)

The INEP is a direct entry pathway into the Bachelor of Science, Nursing (BScN) degree program at Lakehead University. Successful completion of the INEP guarantees you a seat in the Nursing program.

The Indigenous Access Entrepreneurship Certificate (IAEC)

Want to start or run a business? Students taking the IACE program will receive and Entrepreneurship Certificate and credits towards a business degree program.

For more information about each program please visit our website:
https://www.lakeheadu.ca/indigenous/indigenous-programs

Admission Requirements for the Indigenous Access Programs

You must self-identify as Indigenous (First Nation, Inuit or Métis) and be:

1. A recent high school graduate, who does not meet the requirements for your program of interest.
2. A mature student, or college/transfer student, or any Indigenous person who does not meet the required admission criteria for your program of interest.

***Academic Recommendations for INEP and ISTEM

The INEP and ISTEM Access Program are rigorous, Science-based programs. It is strongly recommended that you take a senior Math and Chemistry course, prior to attending these programs.

HOW DO I APPLY??

To apply for any program, you will need to submit your application as well as your high school transcript (even if you didn't graduate) and other post-secondary transcripts (if any).
Please send your completed application to:

For ITYP:
coordinator.ityp@lakeheadu.ca

For INEP or ISTEM or IAEC:
coordinator.iap@lakeheadu.ca

Send Official Transcripts to an email above. Official transcripts are sent directly from your school to a Lakehead University email.

Please contact either coordinator if you have any questions.

IAP Application Form:

INDIGENOUS PROGRAM APPLIED FOR (check all that apply):	
☐	Indigenous Transition Year Program (ITYP)
☐	Indigenous Nursing Entry Program (INEP)
☐	Indigenous Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Program (ISTEM)
☐	Indigenous Access Entrepreneurship Certificate (IAEC)

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:

Last Name:	**First Name:**	**Middle Name:**
Date of Birth: **(YY/MM/DD)**	**Gender:** *(optional)* ☐ **Female** ☐ **Male** ☐ **Another Gender Identity**	**Are you an Indigenous Person?** (voluntary declaration) ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No/Undeclared**
First Language Spoken:	**Indigenous 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: (*Superior Collegiate Institute*)	**Institution Type:** (i.e. *High School*)	**Dates Attended:**			
			From:		**To:**	
			Month:	**Year:**	**Month:**	**Year:**
1.						
2.						
3.						

APPLICANT CHECKLIST:

I have completed each section of the **application** from.	☐
I have made arrangements to have official copies of all of my previous **academic transcript(s)** sent to Student Central – Undergraduate Admissions.	☐
I have completed the **two Reference Forms** and have attached them to this application.	☐
I have attached a copy of my **Personal Resume** to this application.	☐
I have completed my **Personal Statement** and have attached it to this application.	☐

SIGNATURE:

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.

Signature:	**Date:**

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

IAP Reference Form #1:

Applicant's Name:		Date:	

How long have you known the applicant for?

Please write why you think this applicant would be a successful student based on your own experiences:

Referees Information:			
Name:		**Title:**	
Address:			
Email:		**Telephone:**	
Signature:		**Date:**	

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IAP Reference Form #2:

Applicant's Name:		Date:	

How long have you known the applicant for?

Please write why you think this applicant would be a successful student based on your own experiences:

Referees Information:			
Name:		**Title:**	
Address:			
Email:		**Telephone:**	
Signature:		**Date:**	

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IAP 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 Indigenous Access Program you have applied for. Your statement should include: personal life experiences (both past and present) that have significantly influenced your decision to apply for this program; your strengths and weaknesses, and how you believe these may help or hinder you in university; and a discussion of what Indigenous culture means to you. The Indigenous Access Programs are full-time program commitments, with full days and homework on evenings and weekends. What is your support network and how will you and your family support this?

If applying for the INEP, please also include a discussion on a health issue that you believe is important among the Indigenous population.

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Indigenous Access Programs
t: (807) 343-8010 X8768
c: (807) 620-8445
e: coordinator.iap@lakeheadu.ca

Permission to Request Transcript/Student Status Sheet

Date: _____

To Whom It May Concern,

I, _____, (please print name) authorize a representative from Lakehead University (the Indigenous Access Programs Coordinator, the Indigenous Transition Year Coordinator, or their delegate) to contact my high school to request my transcript or student status sheet (credit counselling summary).

High school to be contacted: _____

Contact email or phone number: _____

Last year attended: _____

This permission is valid for one year from date of signing.

Signature: _____

To be completed by Lakehead University personnel:

Please send the requested transcript to:

☐ docs.admission@lakeheadu.ca
☐ coordinator.iap@lakeheadu.ca
☐ coordinator.ityp@lakeheadu.ca