

Indigenous Access Programs

Application Package

Use this application for:

Indigenous Transition Year Program

Indigenous Nursing Entry Program

Indigenous STEM Access Program





Indigenous Access Programs Application Information

What are Indigenous Access Programs?

Indigenous Access Programs are pathways to post-secondary education for Indigenous people (First Nations, Metis and Inuit) who do not meet the academic requirements to enter directly into university. Lakehead University currently offers three access programs with different transition goals and prerequisites. Details for each program are listed below.

The Indigenous Transition Year Program (ITYP)

What is the (ITYP)?

The ITYP is an eight-month preparatory program designed to provide you with the academic skills necessary for the successful participation in an undergraduate degree program. 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 Transitions. Upon successful completion of the ITYP you may pursue an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities (as well as some other programs) at Lakehead University.

Who should apply to the ITYP?

If you wish to pursue post-secondary studies in the Social Sciences or Humanities, then the ITYP is for you. **There is no cost to apply!**

What are the ITYP Admission Requirements?

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

1. Be a recent high school graduate with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or
2. Apply as a mature student. A mature student is a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident who has not been engaged in full-time studies for at least two years and has completed less than one year at a community college, who does not meet the general admission requirements.

The Indigenous STEM Access Program (ISTEM)

What is the ISTEM Program?

The ISTEM Program is an eight-month preparatory program designed to provide you with the academic skills necessary for the successful participation in an undergraduate degree program in the Sciences. You will study in a culturally supportive and friendly environment while you take courses in subject areas such as English, Math, Chemistry and Academic Skills, as well as two elective courses based on your interests in science. Upon successful completion of the ISTEM Program, you may pursue an undergraduate degree in the Faculties of Sciences and Environmental Studies or Natural Resource Management (as well as some other programs) at Lakehead University.

Who should apply to the ISTEM?

If you wish to pursue post-secondary studies in the Sciences, then the ISTEM Program is for you. **There is no cost to apply!**

What are the ISTEM Admission Requirements?

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

1. Be a recent high school graduate with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or
2. Apply as a mature student. A mature student is a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident who has not been engaged in full-time studies for at least two years and has completed less than one year at a community college, who does not meet the general admission requirements.

The Indigenous Nursing Entry Program (INEP)

What is the INEP?

The INEP is an eight-month preparatory program designed to provide you with the necessary skills and academic preparation required for the successful participation in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) degree program at Lakehead University. Successful completion of the INEP guarantees you a seat in the Nursing program at Lakehead University.

Who should apply to INEP?

If you wish to pursue a degree in Nursing but do not meet the general requirements for the BScN undergraduate program, then this is the program for you.

What are the INEP Admission Requirements?

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

1. Be a recent high school graduate, who does not meet the requirements of the BScN program.
2. Apply as a mature student or college/transfer student who does not meet the required admission criteria for the BScN program.
3. Be a health care worker (e.g. Community Health Representatives (CHRs) or Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs)) who has a minimum of Ontario Grade 10 or equivalent.

INEP Academic Requirements

In addition to meeting the admission requirements, INEP applicants are required to submit proof that you have completed Grade 11U or 12C Chemistry (or equivalent) in the past 5 years.



Indigenous Access Programs Application Information (cont'd)

How Do I Apply?

To apply for any Indigenous Access Program, you must submit the following application package. If you wish to be considered for more than one program, please ensure you meet the admissions requirements for each program and then check off the programs you are interested in on the first page of the application.

Please read the following instructions prior to starting your application:

Step 1: Complete each section on the **IAP Application** on the next pages.

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.
- Have them set to:

Enrollment Services – Undergraduate Admissions

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

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:

To apply to INEP or ISTEM:

IAP Coordinator Email:

coordinator.iap@lakeheadu.ca

Phone: 807-343-8768

Fax: 807-346-7824

To apply to ITYP:

ITYP Coordinator Email:

coordinator.ityp@lakeheadu.ca

Phone: 807-346-7709

Fax: 807-343-8679



IAP Application Form:

INDIGENOUS PROGRAM APPLIED FOR (check all that apply):	
	Indigenous Transition Year Program
	Indigenous Nursing Entry Program
	Indigenous STEM Access Program

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:		
Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:
Date of Birth: (YY/MM/DD)	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <i>(optional)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Another Gender Identity	Are you an Indigenous Person? (voluntary declaration) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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: <i>(Superior Collegiate Institute)</i>	Institution Type: <i>(i.e. High School)</i>	Dates Attended:			
			From:		To:	
			Month:	Year:	Month:	Year:
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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 Student Central – 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:	
<p style="font-size: 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.</p>	
Signature:	Date:

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

Please return completed application to Student Central – Undergraduate Admissions.



IAP Reference Form #1:

Applicant's Name:			Date:	
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How long have you known the applicant for?

	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 Student Central – Undergraduate Admissions.



IAP Reference Form #2:

Applicant's Name:			Date:	
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How long have you known the applicant for?

	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					
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Capacity to use supervision effectively					
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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 Student Central – Undergraduate Admissions.



IAP Personal Statement:

Applicant's Name:		Date:	
INDIGENOUS ACCESS PROGRAM APPLIED FOR:			
	Indigenous Transition Year Program		
	Indigenous Nursing Entry Program		
	Indigenous STEM Access Program		
<p>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?</p> <p>If applying for the INEP, please also include a discussion on a health issue that you believe is important among the Indigenous population.</p>			

Please return completed personal statement to Student Central – Undergraduate Admissions.

IAP Personal Statement:

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Please return completed personal statement to Student Central – Undergraduate Admissions.



IAP 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 Student Central – Undergraduate Admissions, have them seal it in an envelope. You can drop off or resend the sealed envelope to Student Central – 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:

Student Central – 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 will be contacted for an interview/conversation. The interview is a chance for us to get to know you and to offer support as you transition to attending university full time. We offer support with information on things like housing, day care, and bursaries that you can apply to for funding. It is also a chance for you to ask any questions that you may have about your program.

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

- How did you become interested in this program? Can you tell us anything about the program?
- What is your academic background? 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?

For INEP applicants, you may also be asked:

- How did you become interested in Nursing as a career?
 - Have you worked or volunteered for any health-related organizations or community agencies?
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