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HOW DO YOU CHOOSE LAKEHEAD?

Find out more about Lakehead's programs, services, facilities, housing options, childcare programs, and how to apply by visiting lakeheadu.ca. Or call us:

Office of Aboriginal Initiatives

Toll Free: 1-888-558-3388

Phone: (807) 766-7219

Fax: (807) 343-8679

Email: ai@lakeheadu.ca

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INDIGENOUS
PROGRAMS & SERVICES

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WHO COMES TO LAKEHEAD?

We welcome people from all walks of life – students graduating from high school, adults out of school for awhile, men and women training for a new career, working people looking to upgrade their qualifications, scholars pursuing graduate programs, and more. We are the university of choice for First Nation, Metis and Inuit learners who account for approximately 11% of the total student population at Lakehead's Thunder Bay and Orillia campuses – and this dynamic population is growing.

WHY CHOOSE LAKEHEAD?

WE CELEBRATE THE RICH DIVERSITY OF OUR STUDENTS' CULTURES AND NATIONS AND WORK HARD TO BUILD AND STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS WITH ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES, WHILE OFFERING PROGRAMMING RELEVANT TO ABORIGINAL LEARNERS. WE PRIDE OURSELVES IN CHAMPIONING INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP, WHICH WILL HEIGHTEN AWARENESS OF INDIGENOUS CULTURE, POLITICS AND PERSPECTIVES WITHIN OUR UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.

Aboriginal students who choose Lakehead are welcomed into a learning environment that celebrates Aboriginal heritage and achievements. Undergraduate and graduate students are part of a strong network of Aboriginal faculty, Elders-in-residence, staff, and fellow students. Plus, Lakehead provides many cultural support services and programs to give Aboriginal learners the student-centred resources and opportunities they need to fuel their dreams.

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL & SUPPORT SERVICES (ACSS)

THE TRANSITION TO UNIVERSITY IS A SIGNIFICANT ONE. WE CAN HELP; ABORIGINAL CULTURAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES (ACSS) WORKS HARD TO CREATE AN INCLUSIVE CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT FOR STATUS, NON-STATUS, INUIT AND MÉTIS LEARNERS AT OUR ORILLIA AND THUNDER BAY CAMPUSES. ACSS ENSURES ABORIGINAL STUDENTS ACHIEVE SUCCESS THROUGH PERSONALIZED ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL SERVICES.

Contact ACSS at (807) 343-8085
or acss@lakeheadu.ca
aboriginalservices.lakeheadu.ca

On Lakehead's Thunder Bay campus, the Aboriginal Student Lounge is the hub for an enhanced student experience. With a study area and computer lab, comfortable seating, and a well-equipped kitchenette, the lounge is a home away from home and a great place to build friendships. Come and meet our mentors!

On Lakehead's Orillia campus, the Aboriginal student population is growing, and so are our service offerings. Meet one-on-one with our Aboriginal Liaison Advisor to create a personalized experience tailored to your academic needs.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

- Workshops and referrals to other supports
- Assistance with registration, course selection, appeals, withdrawals, and special examinations
- Assistance with editing, research, writing, and computer services
- One-on-one or group tutoring
- Mentoring guidance and support

INDIVIDUAL SERVICES

- Access to personal, academic, and transitional supports
- Workshops exploring self-esteem, success, mental health, and healthy living
- On and off campus service information sessions and referrals
- Assistance with scholarship and bursary applications
- Assistance with First Nation, Métis & Inuit sponsorship and OSAP applications

CULTURAL SERVICES

- Elder-in-Residence Program
- Cultural teachings, smudging and ceremonies
- Four seasonal feasts and monthly Miijin Noongom (student potluck)
- Sweat lodge site and medicine garden
- Annual fall harvest and Lakehead University Native Students Association powwow

IMPORTANCE OF SELF-DECLARATION OF ABORIGINAL STATUS

Self-declaring your Aboriginal ancestry will connect you to the Aboriginal community at Lakehead University. All Aboriginal students are encouraged to sign up to the Aboriginal Cultural and Support Services (ACSS) email list to keep up to date on information related to bursaries, scholarships, academic workshops, Elders in Residence, student potlucks, and cultural and community gatherings.

ACCESS PROGRAMS

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY OFFERS TWO ENTRY PATHWAYS FOR ABORIGINAL STUDENTS TO GAIN ADMISSION; THE **NATIVE ACCESS UNIVERSITY PREP PROGRAM (UPP)** AND THE **NATIVE NURSES ENTRY PROGRAM (NNEP)**.

A full-time nine-month university preparatory program, NA(UPP) offers Aboriginal students the academic skills they need to enter degree programs at Lakehead University. While transitioning to university, NA(UPP) students are fully supported in a culturally relevant learning environment with access to a full complement of services.

Contact the Native Access Program at (807) 346-7709 or nap@lakeheadu.ca



“Lakehead University’s Native Access Program allowed me to successfully navigate university. The program was a stepping-stone to my academic success. My advice to you, invest in your future you are a mirror to those around you.”

Keri Cheechoo
LONG LAKE #58 FIRST NATION
H.B.A, B.Ed., M.A., O.C.T





NATIVE NURSES ENTRY PROGRAM (NNEP)

DO YOU DREAM OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN HEALTH CARE? MAKE YOUR DREAM A REALITY BY TAKING THE NATIVE NURSES ENTRY PROGRAM, YOUR FIRST STEP TOWARD A REWARDING AND CHALLENGING CAREER IN HEALTHCARE.

NNEP is a nine-month preparatory program for people of Aboriginal descent (Status, Non-Status, Métis, and Inuit) to gain the necessary skills and academic credentials to enter Lakehead's nursing degree program.

Contact the Native Nurses Entry Program at (807) 343-8768 or nnep@lakeheadu.ca



“As Natives, we have been studied to death, but as Indigenous peoples, there is so much for us to learn.”

DENNIS MCPHERSON
Chair of Indigenous Learning

INDIGENOUS LEARNING, YOUR PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

Indigenous culture and politics are some of the most discussed and misunderstood issues in North America today. A genuine understanding not only gives Indigenous Learning students the relevant knowledge they need to find employment in a growing job market, but through the offering of B.A. and H.B.A. programs, the Department of Indigenous Learning also prepares students to continue their educational experience into graduate studies at the Masters and Doctoral levels.

Contact the Indigenous Learning Department at (807) 343-8187 or indigenouslearning@lakeheadu.ca





ABORIGINAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY BELIEVES EDUCATION IS CRITICAL FOR BUILDING STRONG AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES. AS A TEACHER, YOU ARE THE KEY TO UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL IN FUTURE LEADERS, ENTREPRENEURS, TECHNICIANS, PROFESSIONALS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

Contact the Aboriginal Education Program at (807) 766-7196 or aboriginal.education@lakeheadu.ca



HONOURS BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ABORIGINAL) PRIMARY/JUNIOR

The Honours Bachelor of Education (Aboriginal Education) Primary/Junior program prepares people of Aboriginal ancestry to become teachers with particular expertise in the integration of Aboriginal cultural content and pedagogy for young children and youth through grade 6. Students in the HBEEd (Aboriginal Education) P/J program learn how to meet the needs of Aboriginal learners through coursework, practical experience, mentorship, and seminars during which ideas are shared with other Aboriginal students. Graduates will be recommended to the Ontario College of Teachers for teacher certification at the Primary/Junior Division (grades K – 6).



NATIVE LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS' PROGRAM (NLIP)

Offered in the summer, the Native Language Instructor's Program (NLIP) provides participants with a recognized (Ministry of Education) means of teaching their native language in their communities. As a student, you will learn Native language structure, pedagogical principles, and teaching techniques in a respectful environment, which encompasses and promotes traditional teaching practices and beliefs.

Contact the Native Language Instructor's Program at (807) 343-8542 or nlip@lakeheadu.ca



NATIVE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM BACHELOR OF ARTS/ BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (INDIGENOUS LEARNING) INTERMEDIATE/SENIOR

The BA/BEd Indigenous Learning I/S degree will include a five-year degree plan. This degree plan is designed for students of Aboriginal ancestry and leads to an Intermediate-Senior teaching credential in Native Studies in Grades 7 through 12. Graduates will be recommended to the Ontario College of Teachers for teacher certification at the Intermediate/Senior Division (grades 7 – 12).

NATIVE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM CERTIFICATE OF SPECIALIZATION AS A TEACHER OF ABORIGINAL LEARNERS

The Native Teacher Education Program Certificate of Specialization as a Teacher of Aboriginal Learners provides all concurrent education students with the opportunity to develop a better understanding of Aboriginal knowledge, cultures, and teachings. This Specialization adds an Aboriginal focus to their area of study and helps students develop the necessary skills to share Aboriginal knowledge with learners.

The Certificate of Specialization as a Teacher of Aboriginal Learners is open to all students studying in the Primary/Junior or Intermediate/Senior divisions.