



Lakehead
UNIVERSITY



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 14% 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 INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES, WHILE OFFERING PROGRAMMING RELEVANT TO INDIGENOUS LEARNERS. WE PRIDE OURSELVES IN CHAMPIONING INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP, WHICH WILL HEIGHTEN AWARENESS OF INDIGENOUS CULTURE, POLITICS AND PERSPECTIVES WITHIN OUR UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.

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

INDIGENOUS CULTURAL & SUPPORT SERVICES (ICSS)

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

Contact ICSS at (807) 343-8085
or admin.ii@lakeheadu.ca
lakeheadu.ca/indigenous

On Lakehead's Thunder Bay campus, the Gakina Nindinawemaaganag Indigenous 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 Indigenous student population is growing, and so are our service offerings. Meet one-on-one with our Indigenous Initiatives Coordinator 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 INDIGENOUS SELF-IDENTIFICATION

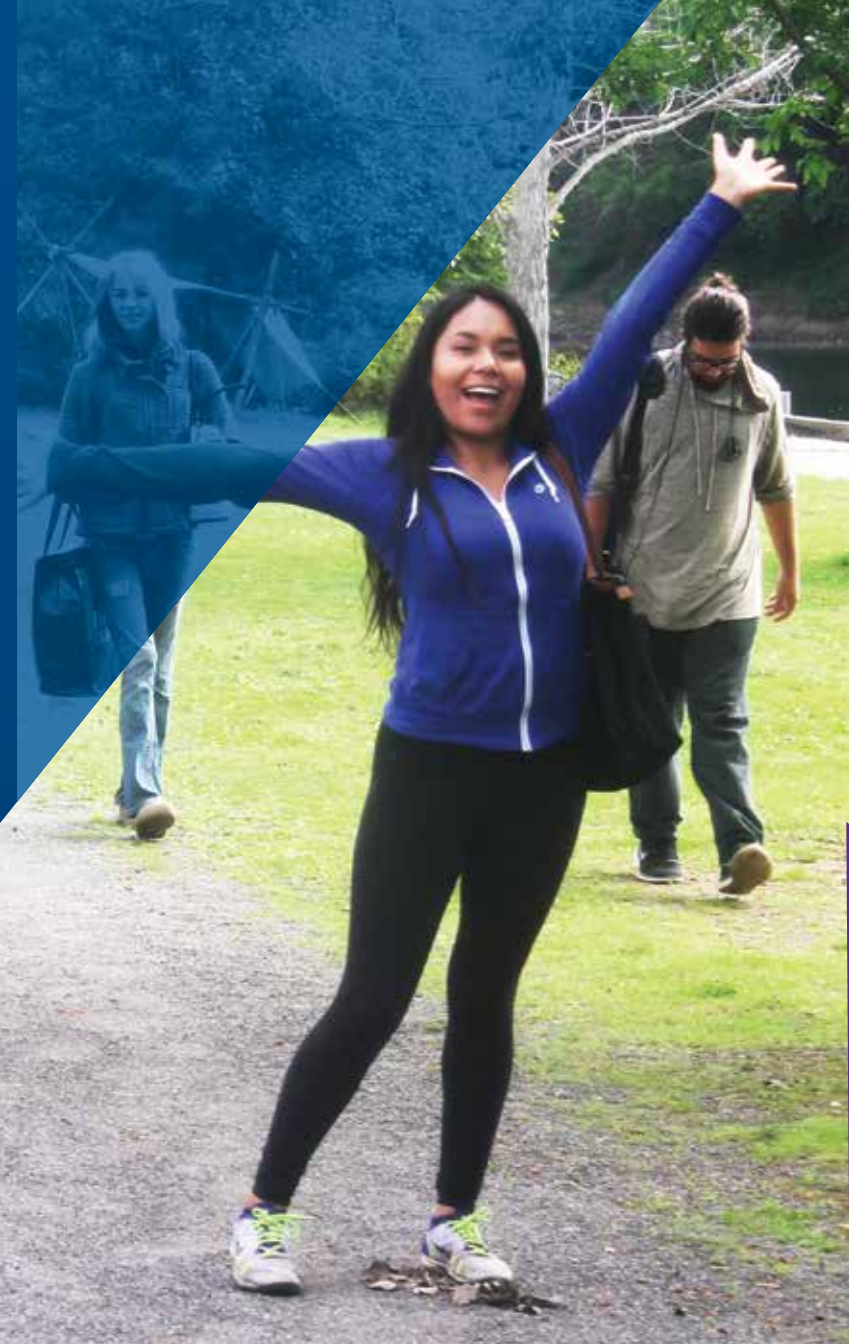
Self-declaring your Indigenous ancestry will connect you to the Indigenous community at Lakehead University. All Indigenous students are encouraged to sign up for the Indigenous Cultural and Support Services (ICSS) email list to keep up to date on information related to bursaries, scholarships, academic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

INDIGENOUS ACCESS PROGRAMS

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY OFFERS TWO ENTRY PATHWAYS FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS TO GAIN ADMISSION; THE **INDIGENOUS TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAM (ITYP)** AND THE **NATIVE NURSES ENTRY PROGRAM (NNEP)**.

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

Contact the Indigenous Access Program at (807) 346-7709 or coordinator.iap@lakeheadu.ca



“Lakehead University’s Native Access Program (Indigenous Transition Year 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 eight-month preparatory program for people of Indigenous 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) 346-7709 or coordinator.iap@lakeheadu.ca



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

DENNIS MCPHERSON
Associate Professor 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) 343-8010 ext.8625 or indigenouslearning@lakeheadu.ca





INDIGENOUS 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 Indigenous Education Program at (807) 766-7196 or indigenous.education@lakeheadu.ca

HONOURS BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (INDIGENOUS) PRIMARY/JUNIOR

The Honours Bachelor of Education (Indigenous Education) Primary/Junior program prepares people of Aboriginal ancestry to become teachers in Ontario with particular expertise in the integration of Aboriginal culture, content and pedagogy for children and youth through kindergarten to grade 6. Students in the HBEd 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 qualification and registration at the Primary/Junior Division (grades K – 6).

Contact the Faculty of Education at aboriginal.education@lakeheadu.ca

INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE TEACHER'S DIPLOMA (ILTD)

Offered during the month of July, the Indigenous Language Teacher's Diploma program (ITLD) provides participants with a recognized (Ontario College of Teachers) means of teaching their native language in their community. 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. You must be fluent in Ojibwe, OjiCree, or Cree to enter into this program.

Contact the Indigenous Language Teacher's Diploma at (807) 343-8542 or ilip@lakeheadu.ca

BACHELOR OF ARTS/ BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (INDIGENOUS LEARNING) INTERMEDIATE/SENIOR

The BA/BEd Indigenous Learning Intermediate/Senior degree is a five-year degree program. This degree is designed for students of Aboriginal ancestry and leads to an Intermediate/Senior teaching credential in FNMI Studies for Grades 7 through 12 in Ontario. Many courses for this degree are offered through the department of Indigenous Learning. Graduates will be recommended to the Ontario College of Teachers for teacher qualification and registration at the Intermediate/Senior Division (grades 7 – 12).

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HOW DO YOU CHOOSE LAKEHEAD?

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Office of Indigenous Initiatives

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Undergraduate Recruitment

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Phone: (807) 343-8500

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