

Indigenous Access Programs Application Package

Use this application for:

Indigenous Transition Year Program

Native Nursing Entry Program





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What are Indigenous Access Programs?

Indigenous Access Programs are pathways to post-secondary education for North American Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) and mature students who do not meet the academic requirements to enter directly into university. Lakehead University currently offers two access programs with different transition goals and prerequisites. Details of 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 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 ITYP you may choose to pursue an undergraduate degree at Lakehead University.

Who should apply to the ITYP?

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

What are the ITYP Admission Requirements?

You must self-identify as North American Indigenous (First Nation, Inuit or Métis) and be a high school graduate (or soon to be graduate) with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent.

Alternatively, you are a mature student who does not meet the general admission requirements for a degree program at Lakehead University. A mature student is a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident who has not been engaged in full-time high school studies for at least two years. In addition, they have completed less than one year at a community college and have never completed any previous university studies. Mature students **do not** need to have completed their high school diploma.

The NATIVE NURSES ENTRY PROGRAM (NNEP)

What is NNEP?

The NNEP is an eight-month access program designed to provide you with the necessary skills and academic preparation required for the successful completion of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) degree program at Lakehead University. You, too, can realize your dreams to become a qualified nurse by beginning your studies with NNEP here at Lakehead University.

Who Should Apply?

If you wish to pursue a degree in Nursing but do not meet the general requirements for the BScN degree program, then this is the program for you. **There is no cost to apply!**

What are the NNEP Admission Requirements?

General Requirements:

You must self-identify as North American Indigenous (First Nation, Inuit or Métis). In addition, you must be one of the following applicant types:

1. A high school graduate (or soon to be graduate) with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent.
2. A mature student who does not meet the general admission requirements for a degree program at Lakehead University.
 - a. A mature student is a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident who has not been engaged



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- in full-time high school studies for at least two (2) years.
- b. In addition, they have completed less than one year at a community college and have never completed any previous university studies.
 - c. Mature students **do not** need to have completed their high school diploma.
3. A college/university transfer student who does not meet the traditional admission requirements for our BScN degree program.

Prerequisite Requirements:

In addition to the above, you must have completed the following **two (2)** prerequisite requirements within the last **five (5)** years:

- 1) Ontario High School **Grade 10 Academic (SNC2D) or Applied Science (SNC2P)**, or equivalent, **and;**
- 2) Ontario High School **Grade 11 University-level or Grade 12 College-level Chemistry (SCH3U or SCH4C)**.

How Do I Apply?

To apply for any Indigenous Access Program, you must submit the following application package to the Indigenous Access Programs Coordinator. If you wish to be considered for more than one program, please ensure that you meet the admissions requirements for each program and then simply 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 page.

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

- This includes all transcripts from high school, college, and/or university, if applicable.

Step 3: Complete and submit the **two (2) 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.

Step 6: Once you have completed all of the above steps, please email all documentation, including transcripts, to the IAP Coordinator at coordinator.iap@lakeheadu.ca.



IAP Application Form:

Complete the Fields Below	
I am a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident.	Yes
	No
Program Choices:	I am applying to the ITYP.
	I am applying to the NNEP.
	I am applying to both programs.
Current Email Address: You need a current email address in order to receive access to our student portal.	
First and Middle Name:	
Last Name:	
Former Last Name:	
Date of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD):	
Gender (optional):	Another Gender Identity
	Female
	Male
Street:	

Please return completed application to the IAP Coordinator.



IAP Application Form:

City:	
Province/State:	
Postal Code/ Zip Code:	
Country (if not Canada):	
Phone Number:	
Country of Citizenship:	
First Language Spoken:	
Do you self-identify as an Indigenous Person? (voluntary declaration) You must be an Indigenous person to apply to these programs.	Yes
	No

Tell Us About Your Past Education

Name of Institution(s) Attended:	Years Attended:		Status:	Type:
	From:	To:	(e.g. graduated)	(e.g. high school)

Complete the Application Checklist

	I have completed each section of the above application form.
	I will arrange to have official copies of all of my previous academic transcript(s) sent to the IAP Coordinator at coordinator.iap@lakeheadu.ca .
	I have completed the two (2) Reference Forms and have attached them to this application.

Please return completed application to the IAP Coordinator.



IAP Application Form:

	I have attached a copy of my Personal Resume to this application.
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	I have completed my Personal Statement and have attached it to this application.
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Sign Your Application Form

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:	
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Please return completed application to the IAP Coordinator.



IAP Reference Form 1 (Two Pages)

What is the applicant's name:	
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How long have you known the applicant?	
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Please select the appropriate score for each of the following competencies.

Competencies	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					

Please return completed reference to the IAP Coordinator.



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:

Your Name:	
Your Position:	
Your Organization:	
Your Email:	
Your Phone Number:	
Your Signature:	
Date Completed:	

Please return completed reference to the IAP Coordinator.



IAP Reference Form 2 (Two Pages)

What is the applicant's name:	
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How long have you known the applicant?	
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Please select the appropriate score for each of the following competencies.

Competencies	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					

Please return completed reference to the IAP Coordinator.



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:

Your Name:	
Your Position:	
Your Organization:	
Your Email:	
Your Phone Number:	
Your Signature:	
Date Completed:	

Please return completed reference to the IAP Coordinator.



IAP Personal Statement:

Your Name:

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? Lastly, if applying for the NNEP, please include a discussion on a health issue that you believe is important among the Indigenous population.

Please return completed personal statement to IAP Coordinator.



IAP Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I order my transcripts?

To order your high school and/or post-secondary school transcript, contact your institution, or the appropriate school board to have one printed.

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, the IAP Coordinator may invite you to an interview. The interview is normally 30 minutes in length and consists of a panel called the "Selection Committee". The Selection Committee members may include the Indigenous Counsellor/Liaison, an Indigenous Educator, and the Registrar or designate. A support person (e.g. spouse, relative, or friend) may attend the interview with you.

During the interview, the Selection Committee will present statements to help stimulate the 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 that you may be nervous but we hope to provide a comfortable, non-threatening environment for you. Your spouse or partner can accompany you.

Here are examples of the interview questions:

For **Both** Programs:

- 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 **NNEP** applicants:

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