

Elder Gerry Martin

Elder Gerry Martin is a former Personal Support Worker and Nurse with more recent training in the Medical Office Administration Assistant and a student of traditional healing methods. He hails from Mattagami First Nation of Ojibways in Northeastern Ontario near Timmins. Gerry feels very comfortable teaching, learning and sharing his knowledge of traditional Aboriginal healing methods and considers it a lifelong goal. Elder Martin is the resident Elder for Lakehead University Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services. He is a son, father, grandfather and great grandfather who follows his destiny and enjoys life to the fullest. "I am a traditional Teacher, Elder to some and friend to Nature."

Howard Twance

Howard Twance is a member of Pic Mobert First Nation. Currently Director of Post Secondary Student Support Program with [Seven Generations Education Institute \(SGEI\)](#). Howard comes to SGEI through Confederation College and Mining Industry Human Resources Management in the Regional Workforce Department. Previous employment history includes working with First Nation governance, administration of Provincial and Federal governments programs. Howard attended Confederation College and Lakehead University; he holds a Post-Diploma Human Resources Management Certificate and his Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Learning. He enjoys reading and outdoor activities like canoeing and hiking.