

To: Ogimaawiin-Aboriginal Governance Council Report
From: The Department of Aboriginal Education, Faculty of Education
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Honours Bachelor of Education (Aboriginal) P/J Program and the Native Teacher Education Program

Delivery of IL 1100 will start January 15th, the course is bridged to communities spanning between Winnipeg Manitoba across to Fort Albany. Students will be connecting via video conferencing and web streaming polycom. Thanks to KNET technician Lyle Jonson and Lakehead University IT department for this dynamic mode of program delivery.

ON CAMPUS STUDY GROUP sessions will January 16th, offered every Wednesday & Thursday in BL 1019 (Aboriginal Student Lounge) from 12:00 - 1:30pm throughout the semester.

Six professional year students had enjoyed their placement experiences, two students were at St. James, three students in Ogden and one student at Simon Jacob Memorial Education Centre in Webequie FN.

Presently working through upgrading strategies for six HbEd Aboriginal P/J students who are on academic probation, as they require an increase in their cumulative average to meet the Honours threshold.

Native Language Instructors Program

NLIP is currently working on the planning for the next upcoming summer 2013. This includes reserving all the physical space and time for all the NLIP courses that will be offered this summer. We have also started working on the advertisements for the NLIP course offerings and programs. NLIP has responded to the ongoing inquiries by the returning students and by potential new students for the NLIP programs and have sent in the application forms to the students who have requested them. There are approximately 1 dozen new student applicants at this time. Faculty/Staff and NLIP student handbooks are currently in the design stages and are being updated for the 2013 NLIP summer school. Potential NLIP graduates for the upcoming May convocation are reminded to work on and submit the required assignments for the ED 1599 course, the final course that is needed for the Year 4 students to complete if they wish to graduate. The potential NLIP grads are also reminded to register for 2013 May convocation.

Department Administration

The Chair just completed a short term "Visiting Scholar" at the University of Waikato in New Zealand before Christmas. This resulted in a proposal that would encourage doctoral student exchanges and co-supervision of same.