

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

It has been an extraordinarily busy time in the HBEd program with the beginning of a new academic year and supporting the ongoing needs of the teacher candidates (N=30). This summer's programming saw some 22 teacher candidates, and their families, pursuing various courses here in Thunder Bay.

This fall we have witnessed a dramatic reduction in new applicants (N=4) to the program. The fact that they are younger (20ish) may be a result of shrinking funding that prioritizes that demographic group.

Nonetheless we have contracted an unprecedented number of instructors in response to the increased number of course offerings.

This year we will see the first graduates from the program (N=7) with an additional 11 forecast to complete their studies in 2014.

Native Language Instructors Program

There were 37 faculty and staff members for the 2012 NLIP Summer School including NLIP Coordinator and Administrative Assistant. There were various assignments for all the staff members including Instructors, Principal/Practicum Planner and Associate Teachers, Day Camp Staff, Student Support Workers, and Elders.

Here are the numbers of students who had been accepted, actual attendance and who have successfully passed the courses:

2012 NLTC Summer Enrolment

	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Total
Accepted	32	21	19	72
Actual	21	16	19	56
Successful	19	15	18	52

2012 Native as a Second Language Diploma Program – Year Four Enrolment

	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Total
Accepted	32	21	19	26	98
Actual	21	16	19	25	81
Successful	19	15	18	25	77

2012 Native Language Summer Institute Enrolment

	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Institute	Total
Accepted	32	21	19	26	31	129
Actual	21	16	19	25	30	111
Successful	19	15	18	25	30	107

2012 Summer Second Language Courses Enrolment

Course Name	Severn Ojibwe Parts I and II		Cree Parts I and II		Total
Course Number	OJIB 1013	OJIB 1015	CR 1010	CR 1012	
Accepted	16	11	CANCELLED –		27
Successful	9	7	Due to lack of enrolment		16

Department Administration

It is important to acknowledge the service of those in the HBEd and NLIP programs and the flawless July that saw some 300 plus Aboriginal students and their families on campus. Bruce Beardy, Judy Flett, Diane Maybee and Ryly Barnes-Lang and their instructors and support staff worked tirelessly throughout the year and much of that work culminates in July.

There are several international initiatives that are underway that are associated to the Department. First, Dr. Hodson has been invited to the University of Waikato in December as a visiting scholar. This is one of the first initiatives that have arisen from the recent MOU. Dr. Hodson will use this opportunity to identify further opportunities for student/faculty exchanges, research and programming.

Second, Dr. Hodson has been asked by President Stevenson to complete a fact finding mission that will identify opportunities for student/faculty exchanges, research and programming at two Mexican Universities sometime early in 2013.

The Department has also had preliminary discussions with the Orillia campus and the surrounding Aboriginal communities with the view of expanding our programming into that territory.

Finally, the Department is delighted to welcome Ms Tina Munroe as the new Administrative Assistant to the Chair.