

Report to Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council

Department of Aboriginal Education

25th January 2016

1. We are working with Aboriginal Initiatives and the Aboriginal Mentorship Program to develop curricula that can be delivered by undergraduate students when they visit high schools. We are also developing fun lessons that can be delivered by instructors to high school students when they visit our campus, and we are encouraging our own students to volunteer as mentors with the Aboriginal Mentorship Program.
2. We have hired two graduate students to visit high schools in the region, to meet with senior high school students and encourage them to consider the opportunities to be a positive force for change as a teacher, and to consider teaching as a career. They are currently preparing materials, and will be visiting high schools in February. We hope to implement a social media campaign to generate interest among young people, and complement these visits.
3. We are working with the Undergraduate Studies in Education office in the Faculty of Education to prepare a submission to the Ontario College of Teachers, for verification that our new two-year programs meet the requirements for accreditation by the College.

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