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# INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

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WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT OF

# INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

## Programs that meet your needs

We offer programs for Indigenous students that provide the necessary knowledge and skills to be a successful teacher. Our programs focus on Indigenous cultures, traditions, and practices in a Canadian context to ensure that you and your future students can share knowledge in a way that is effective and meaningful. Many of our programs use experiential learning methods, which give you an opportunity to learn outside of a conventional classroom.

## Working Towards your Goal

All our undergraduate degree programs can lead to certification by the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT), meaning you will be able to teach in both community-operated (federal) and provincial schools.

As well as being registered with the OCT, you will also earn an undergraduate degree in a teachable area and a Bachelor of Education degree. These qualifications are necessary to be a teacher, but can also lead to other career and educational opportunities.





## What is Indigenous Education?

Indigenous Education is the study and practice of teaching, which focuses on Indigenous languages, values, and traditions. We use a multidisciplinary approach to provide you with the knowledge and skills to teach both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students; our programs address the academic, cultural, and traditional needs of Indigenous students, educators, and communities

## Interested in Indigenous Education?

Students interested in Indigenous Education will learn the following:

- A comprehensive understanding of pedagogical practices as they relate to teaching Indigenous and non-Indigenous students
- The ability to plan and teach a lesson that applies to many different learners
- A better understanding of Indigenous language, culture, and practices as they relate to education and teaching
- The capacity to use Indigenous languages to communicate with students or other learners



# YOUR DEGREE TIMELINE

Keewatinase – Department of Indigenous Education at Lakehead University offers **two unique opportunities** for individuals with Indigenous ancestry to become a teacher in a supportive environment. Our programs combine in-class learning with experiential community-based learning opportunities to develop the knowledge and skills to teach Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

## YEARS 1 - 3

Undergraduate Degree program (3-years)

## Undergraduate Degree Program(s)

### Honours Bachelor of Education (HBEd) Indigenous Teacher Education

#### Primary/ Junior Division

This three-year program prepares future teachers to meet the educational needs of primary and junior students (Kindergarten to grade 6) while addressing the elements of Indigenous cultures, worldviews, and languages.

Students in the HBEd program complete a three-year undergraduate degree *followed by a two-year Bachelor of Education Professional program* for a total of five years.

- Students in the undergraduate degree complete courses in the following subjects: Education, Indigenous Learning, English, General Sciences, and Ojibwe, Oji-Cree and/or Cree.
- In addition to coursework, students complete an Honours Project in their fourth year that demonstrates their learning in a format of their choice.

### Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Education (BA/HBEd) Indigenous Learning Major

#### Intermediate/ Senior Division

This three-year program prepares future teachers to meet the educational needs of intermediate and senior students (Grades 7 - 12) while addressing the elements of Indigenous cultures, worldviews, and languages.

Students in the BA/BE program complete a three-year undergraduate degree *followed by a two-year Bachelor of Education Professional program* for a total of five years.

- Students in the BA/BE program have a first teachable of Indigenous Learning and then choose their second teachable subject that is appropriate to the intermediate and senior level.
- Students complete courses in the following subjects: teachable subject, Indigenous learning, Education, English, & Cree, Oji-Cree or Ojibwe.



## YEARS 4 & 5

Teacher Education program (2-years)

### Teacher Education Program

#### Bachelor of Education Professional

This two-year program (years 4 and 5) focuses on educational theories, practices, and abilities, providing students the knowledge and experience to be an effective educator.





# ANISHINAABEMOWIK

Anishinaabemowik is an umbrella for Indigenous language programs. Situated within Keewatinase Department of Indigenous Education, we **support Indigenous languages regionally and nationally**. Our programs contribute to language revitalization through several teacher education programs and Indigenous language courses.

## PROGRAM Structure & Courses

### YEAR 1 (Summer)

- **Algonquian 1212**  
Oral Algonquian  
Structure Part 1
- **Education 1351**  
NASL Methods  
Part 1
- **Education 1571**  
Introduction to  
Teaching
- **Education 0190**  
Student Teaching

### YEAR 1 (Fall/ Winter)

- **Education 1311**  
Student teaching  
Part 1
- **Education 2330**  
Mental Health and  
Indigenous Education





## Indigenous Language Teacher Diploma (ILTD)

The Indigenous Language Teacher Diploma (ILTD) program provides fluent speakers of Algonquian languages (Ojibwe, Cree, or Oji-Cree) with the skills and credentials to teach Native Language as a Second Language in primary/secondary schools in Ontario.

Upon successful completion of the ILTD program students will be recommended to the Ontario College of Teachers.

YEAR 2 (Summer)	YEAR 2 (Fall/ Winter)	YEAR 3 (Summer)	YEAR 3 (Fall/ Winter)	YEAR 4 (Summer)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Algonquian 1232</b> Oral Algonquian Structure Part 2</li><li>• <b>Education 1352</b> NASL Methods Part 2</li><li>• <b>Education 1572</b> The Development of the Child</li><li>• <b>Education 0290</b> Student Teaching</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Education 2111</b> Student teaching Part 2</li><li>• <b>Education 2430</b> Education Research and Data Analysis</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Education 2213</b> Oral Algonquian Structure Part 3</li><li>• <b>Education 1353</b> NASL Methods Part 3</li><li>• <b>Education 1573</b> Current Issues in Native Language Education</li><li>• <b>Education 0390</b> Student Teaching</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Education 3111</b> Student teaching Part 3</li><li>• <b>Education 2430</b> Technology as a Teaching and Learning Tool</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Algonquian 2233</b> Oral Algonquian Structure Part 4</li><li>• <b>Education 1354</b> NASL Methods Part 4</li><li>• <b>Education 1574</b> Approaches to Bilingual Education</li><li>• <b>Education 1599</b> Reflection on Student Teaching</li></ul>

*The Indigenous Language Teacher's Diploma Program (ILTD) – originally called the Native Language Instructor's Program – has provided Ojibwe, Oji-Cree, and Cree speakers an alternative path to language instruction since 1981. With over 400 graduates, the program is proud to support the increased number of language teachers in schools and communities within the province and beyond.*



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