

First Nations Programs

Aboriginal University Bridging Program Certificate

- **1-Year Certificate Program**
- **Program Fees: Domestic Students, International Students**
- **Apply for Admission: Application form**

The Program

The First Nations Aboriginal University Bridging Program Certificate is a result of community consultations spanning across the Province of British Columbia. The initial phases of consultation date back to 2001 with Faculty and Administrators receiving feedback from communities as to the need for First Nations having access to meaningful and accessible prerequisite courses.

The concept of creating a supportive adult education Bridging Program incorporating face-to-face classroom learning, ongoing learner support, coaching and mentoring and, where possible, the use of technology to support learning, has been identified by communities spanning across the province. Communities have stated that learners need access to introductory, measurable and comprehensive adult education programming which directly aligns with the prerequisites for natural resource management, science, health, education and trades programs.

What is the program about?

- Personal development
- Accessing prerequisite courses
- Returning to school
- Working with others with common interests
- Goal setting
- Support for academic learning
- Group work
- Success
- Building confidence

Program Curriculum

- **Pathways to Learning - EDUC 113T**
Pathways to Learning is a 3 credit course designed to support students in their transition to academic learning. The course was developed through community consultation to address the need for a meaningful re-entry to education providing students with an opportunity to assess and identify learning styles and needs, through group and individualized applications, in a respectful and supportive environment. This course is designed to address the social, emotional, cultural and academic challenges students often face when entering or returning to post-secondary learning.
- **Adult Basic Education Prerequisites**
Students select Adult Basic Education courses to meet program entry pre-requisites,

depending on their individual needs. Courses are available in English, Biology, Math, Math for Trades, Computer Studies, Chemistry, and Introduction to Science.

- **Optional: Selected university-level courses**

Students may have an opportunity to take introductory university level courses, or orientation to trades programs.

Admission Requirements

The program is open to any Aboriginal student who is preparing for post-secondary education, and needs to upgrade through Adult Basic Education. Pre-requisites must be met for courses selected, where applicable.

See the Program Guide for more information.

Requirements for Awarding the Certificate

To be awarded the Certificate, the student must successfully complete the following:

- Pathways to Learning: EDUC 113T, and
- A minimum of 4 individually selected ABE courses;
- Completion of a documented and agreed upon individually selected program.

Start Date and Application Deadline

The program starts in August of each year. Applications for admission are accepted at any time. Applicants are encouraged to apply for the program by April 30. For further information regarding program contacts check the Program Availability List.

Program Outline

The program is individually designed, based on the needs and goals of each student. The following are sample program streams, for students bridging into Forestry, Practical Nursing, and Trades programs.

Bridging into many other programs, and other courses are available.

Example #1: Bridging into Forestry

August

- Pathways to Learning

Fall Semester

- Pathways to Learning
- English 047
- Science 040
- FRST 131 (Botany and Ecosystems)

Spring Semester

- Pathways to Learning
- Biology 047

- Math 045
- FRST 162 (Fire Management)

Intersession Semester

- English 067
- Math 046

Example #2: Bridging into Practical Nursing

August

- Pathways to Learning

Fall Semester

- Pathways to Learning
- English 037
- Math 020
- Selected UP course, for example: PNUR 171T (Human Relationships I)

Spring Semester

- Pathways to Learning
- English 047
- Math 030
- Selected UP course, for example: PNUR 172T (Human Relationships II)

Intersession Semester

- English 067
- Biology 067

Example #3: Bridging into Trades

August

- Pathways to Learning

Fall Semester

- Pathways to Learning
- Math 030
- English 037
- Individualized Orientation to Trades

Spring Semester

- Pathways to Learning
- Math 048
- English 047
- Individualized Orientation to Trades

Intersession Semester

- Individually selected courses

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