

Health Programs

Community Health Promotion for Aboriginal Communities

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

The Program

The Community Health Promotion for Aboriginal Communities graduate will be able to assess community health needs, client health education needs, and will work with the community towards improving health and well-being through health promotion activities.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the program may secure employment in health related roles within Aboriginal communities, which might include: Aboriginal Health Liaison Worker; Community Health Representative; Community Engagement Facilitator; Aboriginal Health Coordinator.

Admission Requirements

- General admission requirements apply.
- Computer Skills: Successful completion of an 'Introduction to Computers' course within the past two years, OR practical demonstration if you use computers regularly.

Recommendations

Applicants with previous experience in health care area preferred (but not required).

Notes on Admission

Proof of successful completion of the following must be received well in advance of the practicum experience.

- First Aid (OFA - Level 1 or Standard First Aid - Red Cross)
- Foodsafe
- Immunizations (Hepatitis B, MMR, Flu vaccines, Negative TB screen)
- Criminal Record Check: Practicums will require a satisfactory criminal record check prior to placement. Criminal Record Checks are requested through VIU. The Registration Centre at VIU will contact prospective students by mail regarding the requirements for a Criminal Record Check. Criminal Record Checks are processed through the Ministry according to the Criminal Records Review Act. A check completed through the RCMP is not sufficient to meet the requirements of the Act.
- Note: Driver's License may be required for some locations.

Transfer from other institutions

In cases where a student's academic background suggests a required course need not be taken, the department may grant an exemption through transfer credit and/or Prior Learning Assessment.

Start Date and Application Deadline

The program starts in September, 2015, and applications for admission are accepted anytime from October 1 through March 31. Applications received after March 31 are considered late and will be processed as space permits.

Graduation Requirements

Students will require a minimum Grade Point Average of a C (2.0) for the required courses in order to be awarded the certificate.

Program Outline

YEAR 1		
Fall Semester		Credits
ILRP 100 - (Indigenous Portfolio: The Canoe of Life)		3
CHP 110 - (Communication and Leadership)		3
HSD 201 - (First Nations Wellness I)		3
HSD 202 - (First Nations Wellness II)		3
Semester Total		12

Spring Semester		
CHP 120 - (Emerging Health Issues & the Role of Health Promotion)		3
CHP 100 - (Fundamentals of Administration)		3
CHP 140 - (Practicum Experience)*		3
Semester Total		9
Year 1 Total		21

**A PLA may be granted for CHP 140. PLA is available to accepted students only. Once accepted into a program, you may consult the program Chair to discuss PLA for this course. Acceptance as a PLA candidate is dependent on your ability to meet eligibility criteria for PLA and is determined by program Chair and faculty. A suitable alternative may also be considered in place of a Practicum.*

Note: See for schedule.

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