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Academic and Career Preparation and High School Equivalency (ABE) Programs

Aboriginal University Bridging

Location Offered:

Cowichan, Nanaimo

Credential:

Certificate

Program Length:

1 Year

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

- **Adult Basic Education Prerequisites**

Students select Adult Basic Education courses to meet program entry prerequisites, depending on their individual needs. Courses are available in English, Biology, Mathematics, 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.

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

- ILRP 100 - (Indigenous Learning and Recognition Portfolio)

Fall Semester

- ILRP 100 - (Indigenous Learning and Recognition Portfolio)
- ENGL 047 - (English-Advanced)
- SCIE 040 - (Science and Technology)
- FRST 131 - (Forest Botany)

Spring Semester

- ILRP 100 - (Indigenous Learning and Recognition Portfolio)
- BIOL 047 - (Biology 11 - Advanced)
- MATH 045 - (Principles of Math 11: Part I)
- FRST 162 - (Fire Management)

Intersession Semester

- ENGL 067 - (English-Provincial)
- MATH 046 - (Principles of Math 11: Part II)

Example #2: Bridging into Practical Nursing

August

- ILRP 100 - (Indigenous Learning and Recognition Portfolio)

Fall Semester

- ILRP 100 - (Indigenous Learning and Recognition Portfolio)
- ENGL 037 - (English - Intermediate)
- MATH 020 - (Math-Fundamental)
- Selected UP course, for example: PNUR 171T - (Human Relationships I)

Spring Semester

- ILRP 100 - (Indigenous Learning and Recognition Portfolio)
- ENGL 047 - (English-Advanced)
- MATH 030 - (Math-Intermediate)
- Selected UP course, for example: PNUR 172T - (Human Relationships II)

Intersession Semester

- ENGL 067 - (English-Provincial)
- BIOL 067 - (Biology 12 - Provincial)

Example #3: Bridging into Trades

August

- ILRP 100 - (Indigenous Learning and Recognition Portfolio)

Fall Semester

- ILRP 100 - (Indigenous Learning and Recognition Portfolio)
- MATH 030 - (Math-Intermediate)
- ENGL 037 - (English - Intermediate)
- Individualized Orientation to Trades

Spring Semester

- ILRP 100 - (Indigenous Learning and Recognition Portfolio)
- MATH 048 - (Mathematics for Trades)
- ENGL 047 - (English-Advanced)
- Individualized Orientation to Trades

Intersession Semester

- Individually selected courses

Completion Requirements

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

- ILRP 100 - (Indigenous Learning and Recognition Portfolio), and
- A minimum of 4 individually selected ABE courses;
- Completion of a documented and agreed upon individually selected program.

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. Prerequisites must be met for courses selected, where applicable.

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.

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