



Academic Upgrading Indigenous Program

Our Academic Upgrading - Indigenous program offers a series of courses and experiences to ease your transition into further study at SAIT or other post-secondary schools.

This three-semester, 12-month program begins at the Grade 9 level and ends with your completion of Grade 11 and 12 courses.

You'll experience a blend of academic courses, cultural activities and post-secondary readiness sessions in a welcoming and supportive environment. You'll engage with a group of like-minded Indigenous learners who share your commitment to pursuing post-secondary education and a new career.

Our program team partners with you to support your academic, cultural and personal success. From program application to funding applications, to connecting you with services and supports, we'll walk alongside you throughout your learning journey.

Upon successful completion of the program, you will:

- meet the minimum Math and English requirements for entry into many SAIT programs and some programs at other post-secondary schools
- know how to access services and supports in post-secondary school to help you achieve your goals.

Supports and services

A dedicated student advisor will act as your personal coach. They'll spend time with you on a weekly basis to help you through any challenges you may experience. They'll also assist you with long term career planning and connect you with services that will support your success.

You'll receive mentorship and insight from Elders and knowledge keepers. You'll engage in cultural activities with those in your program.

Finally, you'll have access to all the services SAIT has to offer including our recreation facilities, learning support services, employment centre sessions and counselling. A transit pass is included as part of your tuition funding.

Admission requirements

To meet the admission requirements for the Academic Upgrading Indigenous Program, students need to complete the following steps:

Step one: Complete our [expression of interest form](#) then follow the steps outlined in the email you receive once you have completed the form. That email contains the following steps:

- Register and attend either a virtual or an in-person information session
- Acquire a SAIT ID number (if you do not already have one)
- Complete the required placement tests OR register and complete a 15 week Math and English preparatory course
- Submit a Letter of Intent

[Expression of interest form](#)

If successful through the selection process, you will then be invited to:

Step two: Attend a funding application workshop

Step three: Complete the Academic Upgrading application form.

Classes will then start on Tuesday, September 6th, 2022. We are looking forward to hearing from you!