



# Indigenous Pathways Program (formerly Academic Upgrading Indigenous Program)

Our Indigenous Pathways 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 will experience a blend of academic courses, cultural activities and post-secondary readiness sessions in a welcoming and supportive environment. You will 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 applications to funding applications to connecting you with services and supports, we will 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 support in post-secondary school to help you achieve your goals.

## Supports and services

A dedicated student advisor will act as your personal coach. They will be available to support you throughout this program with any challenges you may experience. They will also assist you with long-term career planning and connect you with services that will support your success.

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

Finally, you will 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

### Admission dates

There is one intake per year for this program.

Intake semester	Semester begins	Applications open
Fall 2023	Sept. 5, 2023	Jan. 19, 2023

\*In some instances, domestic applications will be accepted after the application deadline. In that case, the program's intake status will remain open.

## Program requirements

To meet the admission requirements for the Indigenous Pathways 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 the [15-week Indigenous Foundations Program](#)
- Submit a Letter of Intent
- Submit an 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 Indigenous Pathways application form.

## When do classes start?

Classes for this program adhere to the following year's start and end dates based on the semester the student begins their program.

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Classes begin	Year start date	Year end date
Fall 2023	Sept. 5, 2023	Aug. 16, 2024

## Program length and commitment

Learners must be able to commit to 20 hours of classes each week and attend the entire program.