

## **Indigenous Pathways Program**

#### **Program Overview**

The Indigenous Pathways Program offers a series of courses and experiences that will ease your transition into further study at SAIT or other post-secondary schools. This 3-semester, 12-month program begins at the Grade 9 level and ends with your completion of Grade 11 and 12 courses.

In this program, 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 a post-secondary education and a new career.

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

#### **Program Length and Commitment**

The program runs from September 3, 2024 to August 15, 2025 (45 weeks). Learners must be able to commit to and **attend** 20 hours of classes each week.

#### **Admission Requirements**

You are eligible for this program if you:

- self-identify as an Indigenous Person (Status/Non-Status First Nation, Metis or Inuit)
- achieve a minimum of 60% on an English and math placement test
- complete a Letter of Intent where you explain your career and educational goals, and demonstrate that you are ready, willing and able to engage in this program
- OR complete SAIT's 15 week Indigenous Foundations Program which is running from March 4 to June 14 2024. Additional information is available on the SAIT website at https://www.sait.ca/programs-and-courses/indigenous-pathways-program

## **Program Outline**

#### **SEMESTER 1**

- Post-secondary Readiness (PREP 012)
- Computer Essentials (COMP 261)
- Grade 9 Math (MATH 100)
- Grade 10 English and Applied Community Project (COMN 180)
- Cultural Mentorship

#### SEMESTER 2

- Grade 10 Math (MATH 180)
- Grade 11 English and Applied Community Project (COMM 181)
- Cultural Mentorship
- Choice of:
  - » Science Preparation (APSC 180) OR
  - » Grade 11 Biology (BIOL 181)

#### SEMESTER 3

- Grade 11 Math (MATH 181) OR Grade 12 Mathematics (MATH 172)
- Grade 12 English and Applied Community Project (COMM 182)
- Cultural Mentorship
- Choice of:
  - » Grade 12 Biology (BIOL 182) OR
  - » Grade 11 Chemistry (CHEM 181) OR
  - » Grade 11 Physics (PHYS 181)
  - » Diploma Level Indigenous Studies (ANTH230)

**NOTE -** This is a general description of the courses offered. There is flexibility depending on individual needs



#### **Funding Options**

This program is eligible for Foundational Learning Assistance program funding, as well as University and College Entrance Preparation program (UCEP) funding. We will help you apply for tuition and living allowance coverage for this program. Eligibility criteria will be provided during information sessions.

### **Supports and Services**

- A dedicated Indigenous Student Advisor will act as your personal coach. They will support you throughout this program with any challenges you may experience. They will also connect you with services that will support your success.
- You will receive mentorship and insight from Elders and knowledge keepers. You will have an opportunity to engage in cultural activities with those in your program.
- You will have access to all the services SAIT has to offer, including our recreation facilities, learning support services, employment center sessions, tutoring and counseling.

#### Contact us

The admission process for the Indigenous Pathways
Program is available on the next page.
For more information and to apply for this program, please
email natoysopoyiis@sait.ca
contact us via telephone at 403.210.4028
or visit the SAIT website: https://www.sait.ca/programsand-courses/indigenous-pathways-program

# **Indigenous Pathways Program**

## Register your interest now!

If you are interested in this program, please complete the following steps.

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#### **COMPLETE AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

• This form is available at https://forms.sait.ca/formdata/user\_forms/61072\_2753753/400571/page1.html?cachebust=1950 You will receive an email providing you with information for the next steps outlined below:

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#### ATTEND AN INFORMATION SESSION

 In-person and online options available at: https://www.sait.ca/ future-students/discover-campus/information-sessions

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### **COMPLETE MATH & ENGLISH PLACEMENT TESTING AND WRITE A LETTER OF INTENT**

- It can take up to 3 hours to complete both tests.
- Placement testing will take place in Natoysopoyiis. Additional information will be provided during the information sessions.
- We will inform you of your results approximately 2 3 business days after your test.
- write a letter of intent (maximum 500 words). This letter will outline why you want to take the program and how you plan on being successful with it. Additional details for what to include in your letter of intent will be provided during the information sessions.

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#### **COMPLETE 15 WEEK INDIGENOUS FOUNDATIONS PROGRAM**

In lieu of challenging the placement tests and writing a letter of intent, applicants are able to complete the 15 week Indigenous Foundations Program - information and registration details are available at: https://forms.sait.ca/formdata/user\_forms/61072\_2753753/400572/page1.html?cachebust=211

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## WE WILL NOTIFY YOU OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE (OR NON-ACCEPTANCE) INTO THE PROGRAM BY JUNE 1, 2024

• You are strongly encouraged to accept your offer as soon as possible.

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FUNDING WORKSHOPS FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN JULY 2024

