



Academic Upgrading — Indigenous program

Program overview

SAIT's Academic Upgrading — Indigenous 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 7, 2021 to August 19, 2022 (45 weeks). Learners must be able to commit to 20 hours of classes each week, in addition to a minimum of 20 hours per week to complete assignments, readings and prepare for tests and quizzes.

Admission requirements

You are eligible for this program if you:

- achieve a minimum of 30% on an English placement test.
- achieve a minimum of 60% on a math placement test OR successfully complete a mathematics preparation course (MATH 050 – Introductory Mathematics).
- 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.

Program outline

SEMESTER 1

- SAIT Readiness (PREP 100)
- 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)

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

Funding options

Tuition for this program is fully funded by the provincial government. 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 student advisor will act as your personal coach. They will spend time with you on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis (depending on your needs) to help you through 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 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. Please note that due to the ongoing pandemic, some of these services may be limited.

Contact us

For more information and to apply for this program, please visit the Academic Upgrading – Indigenous Program page at <https://www.sait.ca/programs-and-courses/academic-upgrading-indigenous-program> or email chinook.lodge@sait.ca

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Register your interest now!

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

1

COMPLETE AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

- This form is available at <https://www.sait.ca/programs-and-courses/academic-upgrading-indigenous-program>. You will receive an email providing you with information for the following next steps:

**Please note the letter of Intent mentioned below in step 4 can be completed and submitted any time before May 14, 2021. We encourage you to complete the Letter of Intent as soon as possible.

2

ATTEND AN INFORMATION SESSION (register via the Expression of Interest form)

- Due to the ongoing pandemic, all information sessions will be held online using Zoom

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COMPLETE MATH AND ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST

- It can take up to 3 hours to complete both tests.
- At the information session, we will discuss some learning strategies for test taking.
- Placement testing will take place online. Additional information will be provided during the information sessions.
- We will inform you of your results approximately 2 - 3 business days after your test.
- Instead of a math placement test, applicants may take a math preparation course (MATH 050), please contact Chinook Lodge for additional details.

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IF YOU HAVE PASSED YOUR PLACEMENT TESTS, AND HAVE SUBMITTED YOUR LETTER OF INTENT, YOU WILL BE CONTACTED BY A MEMBER OF THE CHINOOK LODGE TEAM

- Your Letter of Intent must be submitted no later than May 14, 2021.
- If you have not passed your placement test(s), we will help you identify the next step on your journey to post-secondary school.

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WE WILL NOTIFY YOU OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE (OR NON-ACCEPTANCE) INTO THE PROGRAM BY TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021

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ACCEPT YOUR OFFER BY 4 PM ON FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2021

- You are strongly encouraged to accept your offer as soon as possible as admission will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

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FUNDING WORKSHOPS FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN JUNE 7-18, 2021