Description

The Indian Teacher Education Program (ITEP) at the College of Education, University of Saskatchewan, is a preparation program for First Nations teacher candidates to achieve a Bachelor of Education degree. The program was established in 1972-73; as a result of Indian Control of Indian Education policy. The program has prepared First Nations teachers for the last forty-one years and has been a model used throughout Canada to ensure the success of First Nations students in many areas of post-secondary education.

Who has the program served?

ITEP provides an opportunity for First Nations people to become elementary and high school classroom teachers, and provides an educational experience which will give individuals more freedom to specialize in specific areas in education. ITEP has hugely increased the numbers of First Nations teachers in Saskatchewan and other parts of Canada who will meet the social and cultural needs of the Aboriginal community as well as contribute to school systems where Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children make up the student population. ITEP reinforces cultural awareness and identity so the teacher will encourage students to appreciate their heritage. ITEP also develops and implements relevant materials and techniques in the classroom that will better serve the needs of First Nations children.

ITEP has graduated 1500 Undergraduate students, over 200 graduate students, and 7 PhD students.

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