

Building Reconciliation at the U of S

College of Arts and Science

Aboriginal Student Advising at the *Trish Monture Centre for Student Success*

DESCRIPTION

The Trish Monture Centre for Student Success has been renovated, expanded and renamed to serve you better. The office is now open in the Arts Building - rooms 248, 249, and 250. Students in both the Aboriginal Student Achievement Program and the University Transition Program are welcome to use the space for academic advising and studying purposes.

Trish Monture (1958 – 2010):

Trish Monture was a powerful Mohawk woman, an accomplished scholar, writer and activist, a loving mother and a highly respected faculty member in the College of Arts & Science. The renaming of the Aboriginal Student Achievement and Transition Program Office to the Trish Monture Centre for Student Success honours Trish's profound contributions to our college by offering students a place of peace, friendship and respect as they continue their studies at the University of Saskatchewan.

The Trish Monture Centre for Student Success is home to the Aboriginal Student Achievement Program (ASAP) Learning Communities and the Arts & Science Transition Program (UTRAN) Learning Communities.

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PURPOSE

The mission of the Trish Monture Centre is to encourage Aboriginal and Transition Program students in the College of Arts & Science. To do this, the advisors working within the Centre use a holistic approach to academic advising that addresses the student as a whole person. The Trish Monture Centre also provides Aboriginal and Transition Program students with a gathering and study space, including computers, a microwave, free coffee, and a collection of academic resources.

SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

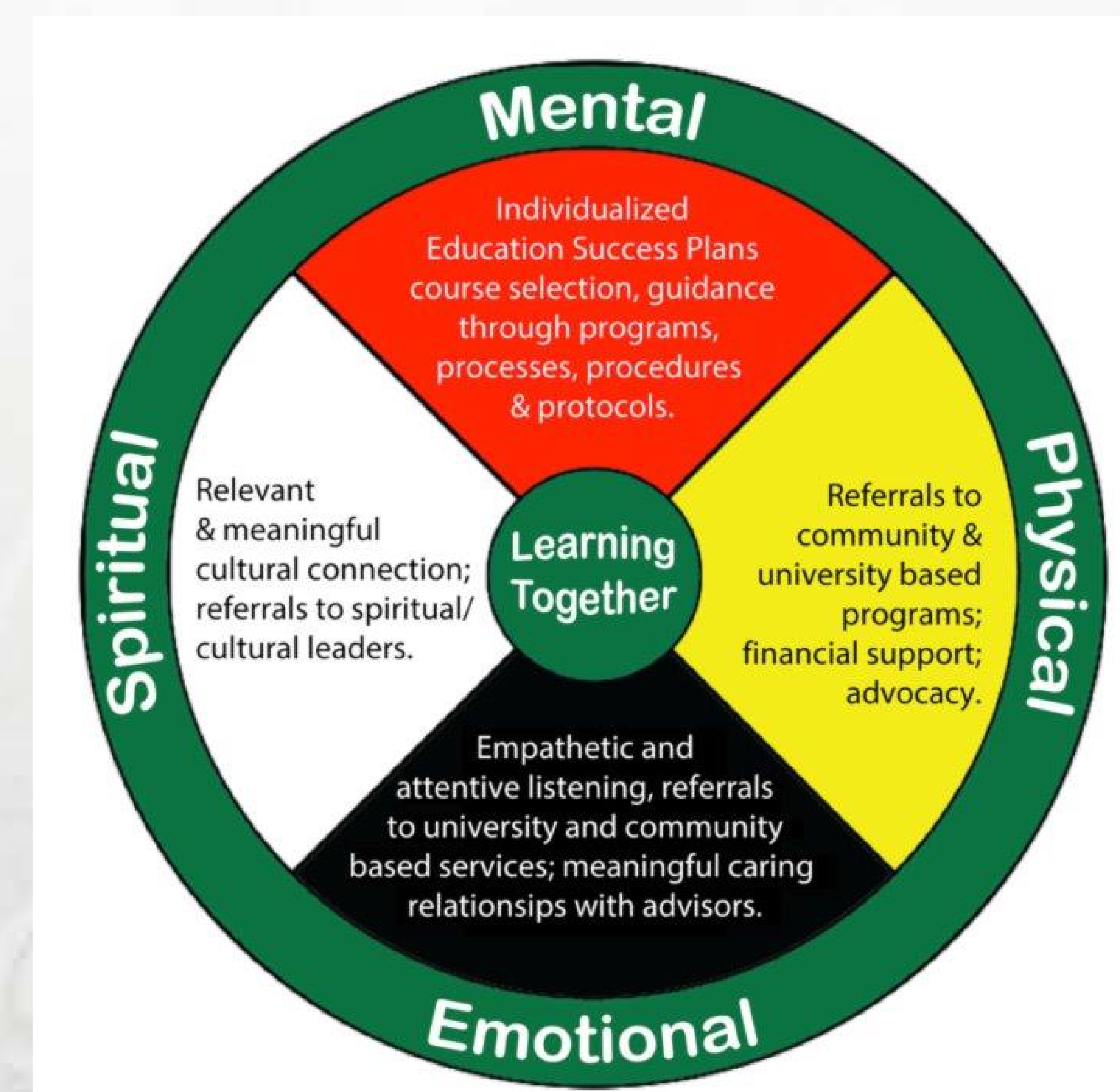
The Trish Monture Centre draws students of all backgrounds into its space, all day long. The balanced living lunches that run monthly promote coming together as a College.

One of the main challenges the Trish Monture Centre faces is in reconciling the academic cycle with Aboriginal students' worldviews, values, and experiences.

While the Trish Monture Centre can assist students in navigating barriers in the university environment, our students continue to be challenged by external barriers such as financial difficulties.



Trish Monture



Our Holistic Advising Model

HOW IT BUILDS RECONCILIATION

By learning the histories of Aboriginal peoples, we can find a starting point for reconciliation. The Trish Monture Centre has welcomed Elders into the university community to share food and be together.

The Centre helps Aboriginal students to overcome some of the barriers to post-secondary education by providing a welcoming meeting place and acknowledging the value of Indigenous knowledge

in what can often be a Eurocentric framework at the university.