Building Reconciliation at the U of S

College of Education

The Indigenous Language Certificate (ILC)

DESCRIPTION

The Indian Teacher Education Program (ITEP) and Department of Curriculum Studies have partnered to offer the Indigenous Language Certificate (ILC). The ILC is a two-year program consisting of ten courses, 30 credit units, leading to a full immersion in an indigenous language, as well as a strong understanding of indigenous teaching methodologies. The course content has been developed based on the ITEP mandate and the Ministry of Education definition of Aboriginal Languages, as defined in the provincial curriculum.

Program Requirements: 30 credit units with content specialization in Indigenous Second Language Acquisition Learning and Teaching

Required Courses (30 credit units):
ECUR 425.3 Methods 1 Second Language Methodologies
ECUR 426.3 Second Language Methodologies 2
ECUR 427.3 Introduction to Total Physical Response and Drama for Language
ECUR 428.3 Introduction to Master Apprentice Program
ECUR 429.3 Root Word Method of nêhiyawêwin
ECUR 430.3 Traditional and Contemporary Music, Song and Dance
ECUR 431.3 Digital Technologies for Indigenous Language Learning
ECUR 432.3 ᑌᐢᑭᐯᐢᐃbᓇ Syllabics, Literacy and Numeracy
ECUR 433.3 Identity and Higher Learning (nêhiyawêwin)
ECUR 434.3 Immersion Language Camp (nêhiyawêwin)

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PURPOSE

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SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

The College of Education is the second-largest College at the U of S. We have graduated over 30,000 students in our 80-year history. We believe education reaches beyond the classroom to shape futures and impact lives.

ILC provides students with the opportunity to obtain an area of specialization in an Aboriginal language that will allow them to instruct and communicate in this area, and consequently, be instrumental in the preservation of the language. It's recognized as an Additional Qualification Certificate (AQC).

HOW IT BUILDS RECONCILIATION

Article 14.i states that "Aboriginal languages are a fundamental and valued element of Canadian culture and society, and there is an urgency to preserve them."

Article 45.ii necessitates the adoption and implementation of the United Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples which also includes specific recognition of the right to revitalize and transmit Aboriginal languages.

Article 13:1 recognizes that "indigenous peoples have the right to revitalize, use, develop and transmit to future generations their histories, languages, oral traditions, philosophies, writing systems and literatures…".

Article 14:3 declares that "States shall, in conjunction with indigenous peoples, take effective measures, in order for indigenous individuals, particularly children, including those living outside their communities, to have access, when possible, to an education in their own culture provided in their own language."

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