

Indigenous Wellness and Addictions Prevention Diploma Program



In partnership with Canadore College, OSHKI's special blended delivery method allows you to stay in your home community for the majority of the program. You will take courses through on-line and independent study at home and attend classes in Thunder Bay twice per semester.

A diploma in Indigenous Wellness and Addictions Prevention prepares you for a career as an Addictions Counsellor in remote and rural aboriginal communities. Future career opportunities may include addictions treatment centres, community prevention programs, young offender residential centres and family resource centres.

Graduates are eligible to become accredited through the Indigenous Certification Board of Canada.

Admission:

Ontario High School Diploma with Grade 12 English (ENG4C or ENG4U) or Mature Student Test (19 years +).

NOTE: Low enrollment may result in cancellation of this program

5 Semesters:

- Over two years
- Field placement
- Includes one summer semesters

Requirements:

- Vulnerable sector criminal reference check
- Complete up-to date immunization

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Course Name

Credits

First Semester

IWA 112	Traditional Healing, Learning, and Teaching.....	6
IWA 113	Introduction to Substance Abuse Counselling and Teaching.....	3
IWA 114	Contemporary Challenges Facing Native Communities.....	3
IWA 117	Introduction to Cultural Specific Helping.....	3
CMM 125	College Communications.....	3

Total Credits 18

Second Semester

CMM 230	Workplace Communications.....	3
IWA 200	Substance Abuse in Families and Native Communities.....	3
IWA 204	Introduction to Community Development.....	3
IWA 203	Methods - Using Traditional Healing to Break the Cycle of Abuse.....	6
GED 100	Environmental Citizenship.....	3

Total Credits 18

Third Semester

MHA 235	Pharmacology for Mental Health and Addiction Workers.....	4
IWA 207	Methods II - Recovery Strategies.....	6
IWA 208	The Accountable IWAP Worker.....	3
IWA 209	Evaluating Information.....	3

Total Credits 16

Fourth Semester

IWA 210	Methods III - Relapse Prevention.....	3
IWA 211	Placement Preparation.....	2
IWA 212	Indigenous Languages In The Modern Text.....	3
MHA 242	Concurrent Disorders.....	1
SOC 100	Foundations of Sociology.....	3

Total Credits 12

Fifth Semester

MHA 244	The Legacy of Trauma.....	1
IWA 215	Field Placement (8 weeks - 37.5hrs a week).....	7

Total Credits 8

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to be a leader in providing excellence in post-secondary education by meeting the education and cultural needs of the members and communities of Nishnawbe Aski Nation through a holistic approach to lifelong learning.

The OSHKI campus is located in Thunder Bay, Ontario. The campus includes a cultural room, kitchen amenities, a computer lab and a student lounge. It is centrally located in the downtown south core Fort William Business District, close to bus transportation and is accessible to people with disabilities.

