



Offered at Six Nations Polytechnic

Indigenous Wellness and Addictions Prevention

2 Year Ontario College Diploma

Gain the skills and knowledge you need for employment in a variety of addictions settings through practical, hands-on learning. The curriculum is based on holistic teachings with a focus on the root causes of addiction within Indigenous communities. You will learn both cultural and mainstream approaches to addictions counselling. Training ranges from pharmacology to traditional methods including Sacred Circles, Teaching/Learning Circles, and the use of the four sacred medicines – tobacco, cedar, sage and sweet grass.

Note: This program has an eight-week field placement component.



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Program code: 010407 Study options: Full-time - September Campus location: SNP Brantford

Your Future Career

- Alcohol and drug treatment units
- Family resource centres
- Young offender residential centres
- Substance abuse prevention counselling and treatment centres

What You Will Learn

- Traditional healing, learning and teaching
- Cultural specific helping
- Challenges facing Native communities
- Interviewing, reporting and documenting
- Addictions counselling skills
- Relapse preventions
- Multiculturalism
- Psychology and sociology

Curriculum

Semester One:

- IWA 112 Traditional Healing, Learning and Teaching
IWA 114 Introduction to Substance Abuse Counselling and Teaching
IWA 114 Contemporary Challenges Facing Native Communities
IWA 117 Introduction to Cultural Specific Helping
GED 100 Environmental Citizenship
CMM 125 College Communication

Semester Two:

- GENED General Education Elective - Online
CMM 230 Workplace Communications
IWA 200 Substance Abuse in Families and Native Communities
IWA 204 Introduction to Community Development
IWS 203 Methods - Using Traditional Healing to Break the Cycle
IWA 212 Indigenous Languages in the Modern Context

Semester Three:

- IWA 211 Placement Preparation
MHA 235 Pharmacology for Mental Health and Addiction Workers
IWA 207 Methods II - Recovery Strategies
IWA 208 The Accountable IWAP Worker
IWA 209 Evaluating Information

Semester Four:

- IWA 210 Methods III - Relapse Prevention
MHA 242 Concurrent Disorders
MHA 244 The Legacy of Trauma
IWA 215 Field Placement (8 wks @ 37.5 hrs)

Admission Requirements

OSSD or equivalent Grade 12 Compulsory English (ENG4C or ENG4U)

Certification/Accreditation

Indigenous Certification Board of Canada (ICBC)

Graduates of the IWAP program are eligible to become accredited through the ICBC. ICBC'S certification is rooted in the belief that Aboriginal communities have unique and legitimate healing needs that demand equally unique spiritual and philosophical approaches and solutions.

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