Aboriginal Community Advocacy





CREDENTIAL Ontario College Diploma PROGRAM CODE 0510 Accelerated: 0511

AREA OF INTEREST Indigenous LOCATION Thunder Bay DURATION 2 -year

Overview

Advocacy can mean many things. At the centre of all advocacy work is the desire to create meaningful change.

Confederation College's Aboriginal Community Advocacy program is for anyone who wants to be part of helping to create more just and equitable relationships. Centering Indigenous knowledge and ethics, the program focuses on Indigenous well-being and nationhood in order to develop creative and practical solutions for communities and relationships. Graduates will be prepared to engage in meaningful dialogue regarding Indigenous and Canadian relations – politically, socially and culturally – as well as initiate advocacy and community-based projects that contribute to truth and reconciliation.



Top Highlights

- Land-based learning and hands-on experiences working with Indigenous advocates
- Strong emphasis on understanding the legal and political relationship between Indigenous nations and the Canadian State
- Opportunity to develop and deliver a community-based advocacy project
- Pathways to further postsecondary educational goals in Political Science, Indigenous Studies, Sociology and Community Economic and Social Development Undergraduate degrees



Experiential Learning

Field Placement



Employment Opportunities

A wide range of potential employers seek out our graduates because of their unique set of knowledge and skills, such as not-for-profit organizations, political territorial organizations, First Nation band councils, various levels of government, as well as urban, rural and remote community organizations.

Graduates may find employment as public service workers, Indigenous liaisons, community development workers, Indigenous court workers, justice workers, outreach workers, legal aid workers and social justice advocates for Indigenous women, youth, children and communities.



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Admission Requirements

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (or equivalent) with courses from the College (C), University (U), University/College (U/C), or Open (O) preparation levels with Grade 12 English (C/U) level.
- or successful completion of the Mature Student Assessment.
- or successful completion of the General Education Development Test (GED).
- or appropriate credits from the Academic and Career Entrance (ACE) program.

Accelerated Program

Each year a number of seats are made available to people with a university degree in a related field or a community college graduate with a diploma from a related program.

Alternative Pathways

Applicants not meeting these admission requirements are encouraged to consider the College Access or General Arts and Science Certificate or Diploma programs; students who successfully complete one of these programs would be eligible to apply to programs in the Indigenous Studies and the Community Services area.

Articulation Agreements

Confederation College has agreements in place that permit credits earned throughout this program to be transferred to programs at other colleges and universities.

Visit: confederationcollege.ca/articulation-agreements for more information.

First Semester

CS 050	College Writing
LV 110	Canadian Government Law
	& Indigenous Peoples
MC 165	Microsoft Office
NC 124	Culture, Language and the Land

Select one of the following:

- LV 100 History of Indigenous Canadian Relations
- OL 843 History of Indigenous Canadian Relations

Select one of the following:

- LV 109 Indigenous Identity in Relation to Land
- OL 848 Indigenous Identity in Relation to Land

Second Semester

GE	General Elective
LV 202	Indigenous Law and Self Government
LV 204	Introduction to Advocacy
LV 210	Indigenous Knowledge and Ethics
LV 212	Governance and Leadership

LV 213 Community Development Processes

Third Semester

- GE General Elective
- LV 209 Applied Research and Writing
- LV 310 Indigenous Women: Issues & Advocacy
- LV 315 Indigenous People: Land & Environment
- LV 340 Mediation & Negotiation
- in Indigenous Communities
- LV 390 Community Project

Fourth Semester

- LV 407 Internship Placement4
- LV 408 Indigenous Justice and Alternatives
- LV 409 International Human Rights
- & Indigenous Peoples
- LV 410 Contemporary Issues & Social Justice

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- LV 411 Advanced Advocacy Seminar
- LV 412 Advocating for Children & Youth



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