



NIPISSING

U N I V E R S I T Y

Office of Indigenous Initiatives



Welcome



We welcome Indigenous students to campus within inclusive programs in Enji giigdoyang, the Office of Indigenous Initiatives.

In the Nipissing dialect of Nishnaabemwin, Enji giigdoyang means, “where we come to meet, discuss and talk about things,” which is the culture we hope to foster. We enhance the educational experience through a holistic approach to academic, personal and cultural support.

We hope that you will connect with staff, visiting Elders, Indigenous knowledge holders and guest speakers through the many learning opportunities we provide. We also hope that you will consider volunteering with Indigenous youth locally through programs we offer to connect university students with community.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions at (705) 474-3450 ext. 4899 or indigenousprograms@nipissingu.ca.

Enji giigdoyang, the Office of Indigenous Initiatives, and the Nipissing University Indigenous Council on Education acknowledge that we are in the territory of the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850 and that the land on which we gather is Nipissing First Nation traditional territory and the traditional territory of the Anishnabek. We respect and are grateful to work on these lands with all our relations.



Current Students

The Office of Indigenous Initiatives provides a welcoming and inclusive space for students, and offers the following supports and services.

Indigenous Student Success

- Academic & personal supports
- Social & cultural events

Traditional Arts

- Beadwork
- Leather Work
- Regalia Making & Sewing

Visiting Elders Program

- Sharing circles
- Teachings

Dibaadan Student Counsellor

- Weekly drop in

Spaces

- Enji giigdoyang student lounge – a place to gather, study, socialize, eat and work together
- Sacred Space (smudging available)
- Tipi in the courtyard for gatherings
- Treaty Learning Centre in the library for teaching and learning



New Students

Debwendizon Indigenous Youth Education Gathering

Indigenous (First Nations, Metis and Inuit) youth in grades 10-12 from the Near North region and beyond are welcome to visit Nipissing University for Debwendizon, an Indigenous Youth Education gathering. We invite youth to campus to experience life as a university student.



Volunteer Opportunities



Biidaaban Community Service-Learning (BCSL)

Biidaaban Community Service-Learning provides volunteer placement opportunities for Nipissing University students, so that they may connect with Indigenous communities and gain relevant work and life experiences. Students can provide academic support to First Nation, Métis and Inuit children and youth from local schools or provide support to local non-profit organizations.

Biidaaban Academic Support

Biidaaban Academic Support (BAS) is a tutoring program for Indigenous youth in grades 3 to 8, with a focus on mathematics and literacy. Nipissing University student volunteers offer one-on-one support online or in person for youth in local schools.

Biidaaban Youth Group

Biidaaban Youth Group (BYG) is an online, after school program for Indigenous youth in grades 3 to 6. Nipissing University student employees host 1 hour cultural, social and artistic activities.

Wiidooktaadwin Indigenous Mentorship Initiatives

Nipissing University Indigenous students participate as mentors with local Indigenous youth in a series of cultural learning opportunities. The Wiidooktaadwin Indigenous Mentorship program also organizes the Aasgaabwitaadwin Indigenous Youth Leadership Conferences for Indigenous youth annually.

Peer2Peer Mentorship

Peer2Peer Student Mentors are upper-year Indigenous Nipissing University students who welcome new students by visiting, supporting and sharing their experiences. Orientation and cultural support is provided for all mentors.



Indigenous Transition Programs

Indigenous Foundations Program (IFP)

The IFP is a full-time university transition program for Indigenous students pursuing an undergraduate degree. The IFP builds Indigenous student success with specific courses and by integrating supports and resources based on our Sweetgrass Holistic approach to Indigenous Student Success.

Some supports include:

- Academic & Tutoring Supports
- Cultural Resources
- Peer & Community Supports



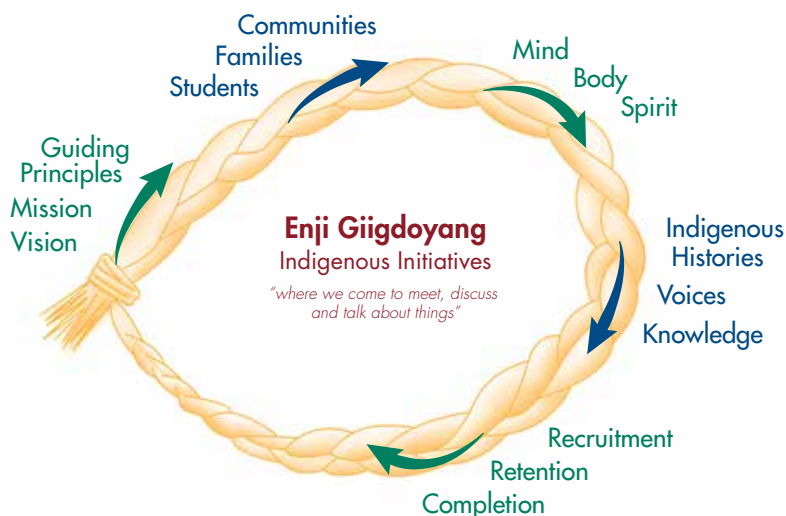
Summer Indigenous Institute (SII)

The Summer Indigenous Institute is a transition program for Indigenous students entering their first year of studies at Nipissing University, Algoma University, Lakehead University or Laurentian University.

This culturally based transition program was created to support students as they learn skills necessary for success at university. The program allows Indigenous students an advanced look at university life while also giving them a head start on their credits. Courses are taught by Indigenous faculty and students have access to upper-year Indigenous student mentors. Enji giigdoyang, the Office of Indigenous Initiatives also offers academic, personal, and cultural support activities while students are in the program.

The Summer Indigenous Institute offers an introductory Indigenous Studies course for credit delivered through remote learning.

**Sweetgrass
Holistic Approach
to Indigenous
Student Support**




Indigenous Education Programs

The Schulich School of Education offers professional programs for individuals pursuing a career in an educational setting. Our teacher education programs lead to either to a Bachelor of Education Degree or a Diploma in Education, in addition to our graduates earning a Certificate of Qualification and Registration with the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT).

- [Indigenous Teacher Education Program](#) (OCT certified)
- [Teacher of Indigenous Languages as a Second Language Program](#) (OCT certified)
- [Indigenous Classroom Assistant Diploma Program](#)

Our programs combine online programming with summer-residencies, providing students the opportunity to pursue their educational goals with minimal interruptions to their family and employment responsibilities. Students attending our programs in the summer are invited to bring their families with them into residence where children have access to daily and weekly organized activities.

For more information about our programs, please contact indigenouseducation@nipissingu.ca, call (705) 474-3450 ext. 4463 or visit our webpage at www.nipissingu.ca/indigenouseducation.



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Get Involved

Events & Activities

- Enji giigdoyang Open House
- Welcome Powwow in partnership with Canadore College's First Peoples Centre
- Enji giigdoyang Speaker Series
- Monthly Feasts
- Indigenous Week – Indigenous teachings, speakers and events on campus
- Round Dance in partnership with community

Contact Us

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ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

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