



## **Summer Indigenous Institute Program and Application Information**

The Summer Indigenous Institute is a month-long program for Indigenous students entering university. Launched in July, 2019, the program supports Indigenous students as they transition to their undergraduate studies. The program is open to students who have been accepted to Nipissing University, Algoma University, Lakehead University, and Laurentian University as well as Indigenous students who are completing grade 11 or 12, are college students or are mature students.

The Summer Indigenous Institute offers two introductory Indigenous Studies courses for credit delivered through an online learning platform plus an on-campus experiential learning event in the fall of 2020.

This program supports 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. The courses are taught by Indigenous faculty, and students have access to upper-year student mentors. Enji giigdoyang, the Office of Indigenous Initiatives offers academic, personal and cultural support to students in the program.

For students entering their first year of university, course credits are transferable to Nipissing University, Algoma University, Lakehead University or Laurentian University.

For students currently completing grade 11 or 12, college and mature students, credits can be obtained once they meet Nipissing University degree admission requirements. Students are welcome to participate in the courses as a non-credit option and will receive a certificate of completion.

The cost for the summer tuition plus the travel, accommodations and meals during the on-campus event in the fall will be covered by the university. Students may also have the opportunity to use technology provided by Nipissing University for the duration of the courses in July.

**Program Dates: July 4 – July 30, 2020**

**Application Deadline: June 13, 2020**

All completed applications (including supplemental requirements) must be sent to The Office of Indigenous Initiatives via email to [indigenousprograms@nipissingu.ca](mailto:indigenousprograms@nipissingu.ca).

### **Questions?**

If you need assistance with the application, please contact us for help at [indigenousprograms@nipissingu.ca](mailto:indigenousprograms@nipissingu.ca) or by phone at (705) 474-3450 ext. 4312.

1. Personal Information			
First Name :	Middle Name (Optional):	Last Name:	
Preferred First Name (to appear on name tag):			
Home Phone ( )		Cell Phone ( )	
Mailing Address:			
City, Town, First Nation:	Province:	Postal Code:	
Email:			
What is the BEST way to contact you?			
Birth Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)	Current Grade:	Gender (Optional):	Age:
Status in Canada <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Student Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Other	If Other, please specify	Country of Citizenship	If not born in Canada, Please indicate arrival date MM:          YYYY:
Have you received an offer of admission from Algoma University, Lakehead University, Laurentian University or Nipissing University? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please indicate which one: _____		I plan on taking the Summer Indigenous courses as non-credit <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you are currently attending high school or college please indicate the name of the institution you are attending (high school students please indicate your current grade) _____	
2. Health Information			
Health Card #:		Food Allergies: (please list)	
Dietary Restrictions:		Other Health Concerns:	
3. Student Demographics			
Indigenous Ancestry: <input type="checkbox"/> First Nation (Status) <input type="checkbox"/> First Nation (Non Status) <input type="checkbox"/> Metis <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit <input type="checkbox"/> Other If Other please describe:			
First Nation Community:		Do you live in your community? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
First Language:		Second Language:	
First Generation: Has either or both of your parents/guardians <u>completed</u> or attended a post-secondary school (College or University)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Have you attended post-secondary school (College or University)?			
4. School Information			
Name of Current School or school most recently attended:			
City/First Nation Community		Expected Date of Graduation (if applicable):	
5. Reference Information			
Name of Reference:		Relationship to Referee:	

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Summer Indigenous Institute  
Supplemental Application Requirements  
(not applicable to non-credit participants  
including Grade 11, 12, College or Mature Students)**

1. Two page essay:
  - Describe your strengths and challenges (academically or personally), reasons why your academic history may not reflect your potential, and how you plan to be successful at university.
2. Students are required to identify one community member who can speak on their behalf through one written letter of reference.

The reference letter should come from someone familiar with the student's academic background, work environment, or their involvement in the community. We ask that letters not be sent from immediate family members. Letters are due June 13, 2020.

Letters should be addressed, by email to:

Program Coordinator, Summer Indigenous Institute  
[indigenousprograms@nipissingu.ca](mailto:indigenousprograms@nipissingu.ca)

3. If you have received an offer of admission from Algoma University, Lakehead University or Laurentian University at the time of application please include a copy when submitting your application. If you have yet to receive an offer of admission you will need to send a copy as soon as you receive it. Students who have received an offer of admission from Nipissing University do not need to include a copy of their offer.
4. Applicants are required to include a copy of proof of Indigenous ancestry with their application. If documents are not available at this time please write us a brief description of your circumstances. For more information please contact the Program Coordinator, Summer Indigenous Institute at [indigenousprograms@nipissingu.ca](mailto:indigenousprograms@nipissingu.ca).

**Application Declaration**

It is your responsibility to ensure that your application and all supporting documentation is truthful, complete and correct. Nipissing University reserves the right to verify any information provided as part of this application. If any information in your application is determined to be false or misleading, concealed or withheld, your application may be invalidated and this could result in its immediate rejection or in the revocation of an offer of admission or registration at the university. Information about a rejection or revocation of your application may be shared with universities and colleges across Canada. The determination of whether an application contains false or misleading information or that you have concealed or withheld information, and with which universities and colleges this information may be shared, is solely at the discretion of the university.

**Protection of Privacy**

Information requested from students and applicants is collected under the authority of the Nipissing University Act, 1992. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, you are hereby notified that, by applying for admission to Nipissing University and by registering in programs or courses at the University, you are accepting the University's right to collect pertinent personal information. This information is needed to assess qualifications for entry, to establish a record of performance in programs and courses, to provide the basis for awards and government funding, and to assist the University in the academic and financial administration of its affairs. Personal information may be used by Nipissing University staff in an assortment of departments, on a need to know basis only, to allow them to identify and contact students who require their services. Additionally, relevant personal information may be shared with staff at our Summer Indigenous Institute (SII) partner institutions for the purposes of application assessment and potential admission to the SII. Finally, personal information may also be provided to the Nipissing University Student Union in order to facilitate communication and to enroll students in the Student Health Care Plan.