

# **Indigenous Community Advocacy: Naadaamaagewin Program**



#### Overview

Confederation College's Indigenous Community Advocacy: Naadaamaagewin program is a two-year transformative journey aimed at empowering individuals committed to championing Indigenous justice and self-determination.

This program profoundly emphasizes Indigenous law and advocacy, fostering a deep understanding of Indigenous knowledge systems and ethical frameworks. Through an immersive curriculum, students amplify voices within Indigenous communities to raise awareness and enhance their capacity for self-governance. By centring Indigenous well-being and nationhood, graduates emerge equipped with the tools to craft innovative solutions for community challenges. This program equips students with the skills to navigate complex political, social, and cultural landscapes, fostering meaningful dialogue on Indigenous and Canadian relations. Graduates are poised to initiate advocacy campaigns and lead community-based projects that contribute to the ongoing journey of truth and reconciliation. Join us in shaping a future where Indigenous communities thrive with autonomy and dignity.



### **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



## **Ideal Candidate**

Empathetic and Compassionate, Resilient and Determined, Ethical and Honest, Culturally Humble, A Critical Thinker, An Effective Communicator, Collaborative, Passionate for Social Justice



## **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

LV 112 Comparative Governance Systems LV 113 Indigenous Identity and Worldview

LV 114 Aboriginal Law I

LV 213 Community Development Processes

### 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
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LV 204 Introduction to Advocacy

LV 210 Indigenous Knowledge and Ethics

LV 214 Aboriginal Law II LV 390 Community Project

#### **Third Semester**

GE General Elective

LV 300 Advanced Advocacy Seminar

LV 310 Indigenous Women: Issues & Advocacy

LV 315 Indigenous People: Land & Environment

LV 340 Mediation & Negotiation in Indigenous Communities

Indigenous Justice and Alternatives

#### **Fourth Semester**

LV 408

LV 407 Placement

LV 401 Advocacy and Capacity









