

Area of Interest: Community and Social Services

General Arts and Science - One-Year - Aboriginal Studies

Ontario College Certificate

Program Code: 1438A01FWO

1 Year

Ottawa Campus

Our Program

Explore culture, examine Indigenous content studies and define your career path.

Graduates from the General Arts and Science - Aboriginal Studies Ontario College Certificate program develop a better understanding and appreciation of Indigenous Peoples and the issues faced by First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples.

Within this one-year program, explore culture and heritage and examine Indigenous content studies in:

- contemporary issues
- languages
- community development strategies
- career planning
- government
- law
- culture and heritage

You also learn general skills in communications and computer applications.

The first-year program helps you to expand your knowledge and choose your career path. You receive an Ontario College Certificate in General Arts and Science with a concentration in Aboriginal Studies. You can enter the workforce and show that you have developed essential employment skills and a general understanding in a wide variety of topics. Completion of this Certificate confirms to potential employers that you have the ability to learn at a post-secondary level.

Upon completion of the one-year Certificate, you have the option to continue your education in Year II of the General Arts and Science Ontario College Diploma program.

SUCCESS FACTORS

This program is well suited for students who:

- Want to make a difference in their community.
- Enjoy working with others.
- Have good communication skills.
- Want a better understanding of Indigenous issues and culture.

Employment

This program is designed to assist students to further their education and/or select a career. Students entering the workforce can provide potential employers with well developed learning

abilities, a general knowledge gained in a wide variety of subjects, and a sense of personal and social responsibility.

General Arts and Science Ontario College Certificate with concentration in Aboriginal Studies demonstrates to employers, colleges and universities that graduates have the ability to learn at a postsecondary level, have enhanced skills in oral and written communication, an ability to conduct research in a systematic manner, and an approach which is flexible and open to meeting new challenges. These are important qualifications in a world where change is rapid and adaptability is an asset.

Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. Develop, through general knowledge gained in a wide range of subjects, insight into both self and society.
2. Develop flexibility and clarity of both thought and expression in order to develop communications competence to a level required by business and industry.
3. Understand and utilize critical thinking processes and problem-solving techniques.
4. Examine and evaluate various aspects of our changing society to assist in developing a sense of personal and social responsibility as a citizen in society.
5. Employ basic vocational skills drawn from the areas of the Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences of Vocational Studies (Business, Technology).

Program of Study

Level: 01	Courses	Hours
DAT5758	Computer Foundations	42.0
ENL5000G	Communication Skills	42.0
SSC0113	Contemporary Indigenous Careers	42.0
SSC0116	Indigenous Community Development	56.0
SSC1788	Culture and Heritage	56.0
SSC1791	Indigenous Languages I	42.0
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DAT0086	Intermediate Computer Foundations	42.0
ENL1813R	Communications I - Academic Focus	42.0
SSC1786	Contemporary Issues in Indigenous Society	42.0
SSC1792	Indigenous Languages II	42.0
SSC1829	Indigenous Law and Government	56.0
SSC1838	Introduction to Genealogy	42.0
Elective Group A Courses		Hours

GAS0019	Level I Substitute Xix	42.0
GAS0020	Level I Substitute Xx	42.0

Fees for the 2023/2024 Academic Year

Tuition and related ancillary fees for this program can be viewed by using the Tuition and Fees Estimator tool at www.algonquincollege.com/fee-estimator
Further information on fees can be found by visiting the Registrar's Office website at www.algonquincollege.com/ro

Fees are subject to change.

Additional program related expenses include:

Books and supplies cost approximately \$700.00 per year and can be purchased at the campus store. Some textbooks include a software package which is mandatory as it includes evaluation components for the program.

Admission Requirements for the 2024/2025 Academic Year

College Eligibility

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent. Applicants with an OSSD showing senior English and/or Mathematics courses at the Basic Level, or with Workplace or Open courses, will be tested to determine their eligibility for admission; OR
- Academic and Career Entrance (ACE) certificate; OR
- General Educational Development (GED) certificate; OR
- Mature Student status (19 years of age or older and without a high school diploma at the start of the program). Eligibility may be determined by academic achievement testing for which a fee of \$50 (subject to change) will be charged.

Program Eligibility

- English, Grade 12 (ENG4C or equivalent)
- Applicants with international transcripts must provide proof of the subject-specific requirements noted above and may be required to provide proof of language proficiency. Domestic applicants with international transcripts must be evaluated through the International Credential Assessment Service of Canada (ICAS) or World Education Services (WES).
- IELTS-International English Language Testing Service (Academic) Overall band of 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in each band; **OR** TOEFL-Internet-based (iBT)-overall 80, with a minimum of 20 in each component: Reading 20; Listening 20; Speaking 20; Writing 20; **OR** Duolingo English Test (DET) Overall 110, minimum of 110 in Literacy and no score below 95.

Not sure if you meet all of the requirements? Academic Upgrading may be able to help with that: <https://www.algonquincollege.com/access/> .

Should the number of qualified applicants exceed the number of available places, applicants will be selected on the basis of their proficiency in English.

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Application Information

GENERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE - ONE-YEAR - ABORIGINAL Program Code 1438A01FWO
Applications to full-time day programs must be submitted with official transcripts showing completion of the academic admission requirements through:

ontariocolleges.ca
60 Corporate Court
Guelph, Ontario
N1G 5J3
1-888-892-2228

Students currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school should notify their Guidance Office prior to their online application at www.ontariocolleges.ca
Applications for Fall Term and Winter Term admission received by February 1st will be given equal consideration. Applications received after February 1st will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis as long as places are available.

International applicants please visit this link for application process information: <https://algonquincollege.force.com/myACint/>

For further information on the admissions process, contact:

Registrar's Office
Algonquin College
1385 Woodroffe Ave
Ottawa, ON K2G 1V8
Telephone: 613-727-0002
Toll-free: 1-800-565-4723
TTY: 613-727-7766
Fax: 613-727-7632
Contact: <https://www.algonquincollege.com/ro>

Additional Information**INDIGENOUS SUPPORT SERVICES AND RESOURCES**

In addition to the career, academic and personal advising provided by program faculty, the following services and resources are available:

The Mamidosewin Centre - an on-campus facility offering a warm, supportive and welcoming environment for Aboriginal students. Services include the opportunity for traditional healing, meeting Elders, social gatherings and educational workshops.

Odawa Native Friendship Centre - based in the community, this Centre provides a variety of services including childcare, employment referral and counselling, male and female healing circles and youth programming offering services in educational support, recreational and social and cultural activities. Tel: 613-722-3811.

Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health - offers a wide range of traditional and western health programs to the National Capital community. Wabano promotes holistic health for physical, mental, spiritual and emotional wellbeing through culturally sensitive health programs and services, such as physicians, walk-in clinics, dental services, crisis counselling, housing support service, cultural services, Elder referrals, family services, diabetes education and anonymous HIV testing. Tel: 613-748-5999.

Tewegan Transition House, a 12-bed community-based transitional home for young Aboriginal women, ages 16 to 29. Tewegan provides a safe, culture-based environment with visiting Elders/ Grandmothers on a regular basis. Services include confidential and supportive counselling, information, advocacy and referrals to assist young women in their transition to the Ottawa community. Onsite programs and services include Medicine Wheel Teachings, life skills, budgeting, personal development, career enhancement, home management skills, advocacy, traditional empowerment and nutritional information. Tel: 613-233-0672.

FIELD TRIPS

The program provides opportunities for field trips that allow students to take advantage of some of the resources in the National Capital Region, such as visits to the National Archives of Canada, the Museum of Civilization, and the National Gallery. During the orientation portion of the program in the second week of classes, students are required to attend an overnight camping experience. The purpose of this experiential learning opportunity is to begin to build relationships among the students, to re-connect to the land, and to take part in culturally appropriate teachings, activities and ceremonies. Students will be housed in cabins with bunk beds, and so will only be required to bring bedding, a towel, extra clothing and personal items. Food and transportation are provided.

Contact Information

Program Coordinator(s)

- Marina Westbrook, <mailto:westbrm@algonquincollege.com> , 613-727-4723, ext. 5397

Course Descriptions

DAT0086 Intermediate Computer Foundations

Students build on their knowledge and strengthen their skills and competencies in the use of Microsoft Office word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation software.

Prerequisite(s): DAT5758
Corerequisite(s):none

DAT5758 Computer Foundations

Using technology to communicate effectively is essential in the educational environment and workplace. Students develop new computer skills by using Windows file management software and produce professional type documents, spreadsheets and presentations with Microsoft Office software.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s):none

ENL1813R Communications I - Academic Focus

Communication remains an essential skill sought by employers, regardless of discipline or field of study. Using a practical, vocation-oriented approach, students focus on meeting the requirements of effective communication. Through a combination of lectures, exercises, and independent learning, students practise writing, speaking, reading, listening, locating and documenting information, and using technology to communicate professionally. Students develop and strengthen communication skills that contribute to success in both educational and workplace environments. Particular attention is given to the requirements of academic writing.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s):none

ENL5000G Communication Skills

Effective workplace communication skills are required by all graduates. Emphasis is placed on workplace correspondence, job search strategies, report writing and teamwork. Students compose, edit and revise a variety of workplace-oriented messages, prepare a targeted resume, practice presentation skills and work in teams to produce a collaborative research project. In all written work, students develop and enhance their grammar skills to meet professional workplace standards.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s):none

GAS0019 Level I Substitute Xix

To be used as a substitute.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s):none

GAS0020 Level I Substitute Xx

To be used as substitute.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s):none

SSC0113 Contemporary Indigenous Careers

Students make informed decisions regarding their personal career planning processes. They examine education and employment options, especially as they relate to Indigenous communities. Individual and small group exercises, standardized test instruments and discussion are used to promote understanding of how aptitudes, interests and personality affect students' choice of career paths.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s):none

SSC0116 Indigenous Community Development

The process, philosophy and practices of community development are examined with respect to community-based research, group processes and non-exploitive development. Students discuss community planning processes and community profiling.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s):none

SSC1786 Contemporary Issues in Indigenous Society

The contemporary situation of Indigenous Peoples in Canada is presented. Students survey a

number of topics, including Indigenous rights, self-determination, self-government and the treaty-making process. The relationship between Indigenous cultures and the Canadian government is examined in conjunction with colonization, Indigenous resistance and change.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s):none

SSC1788 Culture and Heritage

Students explore culture and heritage in light of their own experiences, both professional and personal. Oral traditions, spirituality, Native philosophies and world views are used to examine cultural continuity and change, and how culture and heritage influence Indigenous life today.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s):none

SSC1791 Indigenous Languages I

Learning to use significant words and phrases contributes to students' awareness of culture and heritage. Students are introduced to Indigenous languages and they learn the value and relationship between language and culture. This course is designed for students with little or no knowledge of Indigenous languages.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s):none

SSC1792 Indigenous Languages II

Students focus on word recognition and gain familiarity and understanding of Indigenous languages. Students increase their use of words, phrases and meaningful sentence patterns, and appreciate the relationship between Indigenous languages and cultures. Contemporary issues related to Indigenous language, protection, restoration and retention are explored.

Prerequisite(s): SSC1791
Corerequisite(s):none

SSC1829 Indigenous Law and Government

The historical, socio-political, legal and constitutional statuses of Aboriginal peoples in Canada are explored. Students examine traditional laws and customs, along with the Constitution Act and the Indian Act. Self-determination, treaty rights and Indigenous rights are discussed. Legal case studies highlight current issues in the field.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s):none

SSC1838 Introduction to Genealogy

Issues in Indigenous identity are explored through genealogy. Focus is placed on the discovery of students' ancestral roots by providing knowledge, skills and awareness in the field of archival research, Internet websites, bibliography resources, counselling, interviewing, principles of note-taking and properly recording information. Students ultimately develop their own family tree.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s):none