

Dear Community Partner,

Teacher candidates in the Aboriginal Teacher Certification Program (ATCP) and the Teacher of Anishnaabemwin as a Second Language Program (TASL) at Nipissing University are required to complete a community placement in their second year of study as part of the course *EDUC 4858: Community Leadership Experience*. Your organization has been identified as having tremendous potential to assist in the professional development of these students. Through your organization, our teacher candidates will be able to broaden their practical experience by exploring different ways of applying the pedagogical skills and theoretical knowledge they have gained in their teacher education program. In return, your organization will benefit from additional support to help achieve its unique goals. **I hope you will consider becoming involved in this exciting opportunity by becoming a host organization.**

Teacher candidates must complete a minimum of **60 hours** in a non-traditional, but educationally related setting. Teacher candidates are responsible for finding their own community placement, completing the necessary forms, and seeking approval from the Practicum Office. Teacher candidates must also work with an on-site supervisor, whose main responsibilities include:

- establishing the goals and responsibilities for the teacher candidate for the duration of the placement;
- meeting regularly with the teacher candidate to ensure goals are being met, and to offer guidance and feedback to the teacher candidate;
- completing a report of the teacher candidate at the end of the placement.

If you are interested in becoming a host organization, the teacher candidate presenting this letter will provide you with the necessary forms to begin the process.

Should you have additional questions, please contact Chris Hachkowski, Principal, Aboriginal Programs, at chrisha@nipissingu.ca or 705-474-3450 ext. 4368.

Sincerely,



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