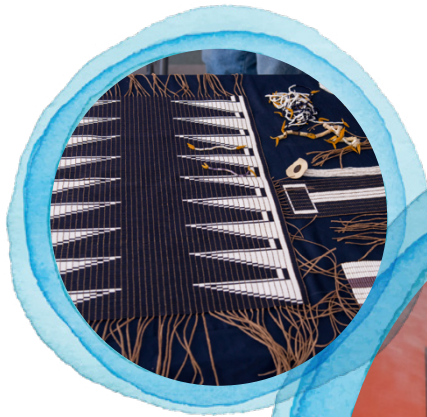




NIPISSING

UNIVERSITY

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 Anishnaabemwin, 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.



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.

Wiidooktaadwin Indigenous Mentorship Initiatives

Nipissing University Indigenous students volunteer 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 student volunteers who welcome new students by visiting, supporting and sharing their experiences. Orientation and cultural support is provided for all mentors.



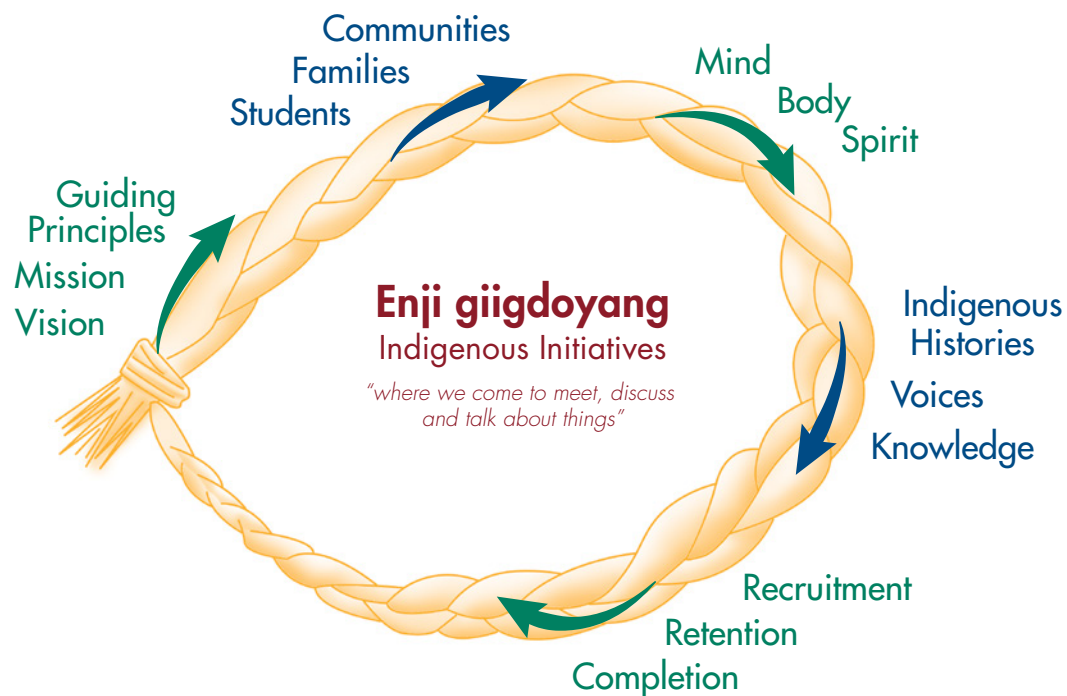
Academic Programs

Indigenous Foundations Program (IFP)

IFP is a full-time university transition program for Indigenous students pursuing an undergraduate degree. 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

Sweetgrass Holistic Approach to Indigenous Student Support



For more information about the program,
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Academic Programs

Indigenous Education Programs

The Indigenous Education Programs in the Schulich School of Education are professional education programs offered to Indigenous learners in a low-residency format on campus and in partnership with community. These programs have been offered for over 35 years and provide students with a diploma from Nipissing University or certification from the Ontario College of Teachers:

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

To support students in their goal of achieving academic success, the Indigenous Education Programs have developed a number of daily and weekly activities for the children of our enrolled students.

For more information about the program, please contact indigenouseducation@nipissingu.ca or call (705) 474-3450 Ext. 4463.



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

- Wellness beading
- Leather craft
- Regalia sewing

Visiting Elders Program

- Sharing circles
- Teachings

Dibaadan Student Counsellor

- Weekly drop in

Spaces

- Enji giigdoyang student lounge (snacks, luncheons, access to computers and printing)
- Sacred Space (smudging available)
- Tipi in the courtyard for gatherings
- Treaty Learning Centre in the library for teaching and learning



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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