

**NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLEGE
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE
PROGRAM INFORMATION AND COMPLETION GUIDE**

Program Name: University Arts and Sciences
Credential/Certification: Indigenous Human Service Worker Certificate
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Program Description: This program will prepare graduates for employment as a Human Service Worker, with a focus on serving Indigenous people on- or off-reserve. Students will acquire culturally appropriate knowledge, skills, and values while working with individuals, groups, and communities. Indigenous Human Service Worker (IHSW) Certificate graduates will earn course credits that can be applied to NLC's Early Childhood Education and Care Diploma, Education Assistant Diploma, and Social Service Worker Diploma. Conversely, graduates from these diploma programs may apply relevant course credits to completion of the IHSW Certificate.

Admission Requirements:

Domestic Students:

A. Standard admissions requirements are as follows:

Grade 12 English, English Literature 12, English 12 First Peoples, English 050, or English 099 with a minimum grade of "C.";

Or any university-level English course with a minimum grade of "C.";

Or adequate performance on the NLC Writing Assessment.

B. In lieu of satisfying Item A above, dual credit students may submit secondary school transcripts indicating successful completion of English 11 and enrollment in an acceptable Grade-12-level English course with a minimum interim grade of "C."

International Students:

International students must have documentation demonstrating the following:

English Requirement: An IELTS with an overall score of 6.0 or higher with no band less than 6.0. Students with a writing band of 6.0 or less are required to complete English

099 with a "B" grade or higher before or during the first semester of their program. The necessity for upgrading can extend the length of the program.

Note: A Schedule B (Works with: Children & Vulnerable Adults) CRC is not a program admission requirement, but NLC must receive Schedule B (Works with: Children & Vulnerable Adults) CRC results before IHSW Certificate students begin attending classes in the first semester of the program. Information about the Schedule B CRC process will be presented at a pre-semester program orientation. Requests for Schedule B (Works with: Children & Vulnerable Adults) CRCs may take up to six weeks, so students are strongly encouraged to attend to this post-admission requirement as soon as possible. Please note that convictions for certain offenses may disqualify students from participating in course practica with vulnerable persons. Further, students are obligated to report any Schedule B criminal convictions that occur after they authorize a CRC but are still enrolled in the IHSW program. Failure to do so may result in immediate dismissal from the program.

*Note that some University Arts and Sciences courses elective courses have specific pre-requisites. Meeting the entrance requirements for the University Arts and Sciences program does not ensure course pre-requisites have been met for all available courses.

Length of Program: (weeks and total hours) Normally, 8 months (32 weeks) for full-time study. Part-time study may be an option. Length of program may vary for sponsored intakes.

Program Intake: (start/finish dates) To be determined. Requests for sponsored intakes may be sent to the Program Contact or Program Dean.

Available Seats: 20

Application Deadline: To be determined.

Career Prospects: Band Social Worker, Community Wellness Worker, National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP) Workers, Aboriginal Patient Liaison Worker or Aboriginal Patient Navigator (APN), Native Courtworker, Youth and Cultural Worker, Cultural Connections Coordinator, Aboriginal Support Workers. Certificate graduates may also ladder into NLC's Early Childhood Education and Care, Education Assistant, and Social Services Worker diploma programs.

Affiliations/Partnerships: Northeast Native Advancing Society (NENAS) and regional school districts.

Location: Fort St. John campus with the possibility of additional video-conference sites and some online delivery. Sponsored offerings at other locations may be available upon request.

Additional Requirements/Supplies: (fees, supplies, materials)
Laptop.

Eligibility for Canada Student Loans: (Yes or No)
Yes, for domestic students. No, for international students.

Required Minimum Grade: (overall and/or minimum within a course)
Students must achieve a minimum grade of "C+" in IHSW 101, SSWD 120, and SSWD 215. Students must achieve a minimum grade of 'C' in HDEC 100, HDEC 101, HDEC 104, IHSW 102, IHSW 103, IHSW 104, and IHSW 105.

Residency Requirement: (percentage of courses which must be taken at NLC)
50%; note that a minimum 60% or 'C' grade (60%) is required for courses to be considered for transfer into this program (A minimum grade of "C+" is required for courses being considered for transfer for IHSW 101, SSWD 120, and SSWD 215). The age of the course will also be considered in course transfer.

Required Courses: (list courses required to complete credential
and total hours for each course)

Semester 1

HDEC 100: Essential Skills for Human Service Workers (3 credits/45 hours)

HDEC 101: Human Development 1 (3 credits/45 hours)

IHSW 101: Introduction to Human Service Work (3 credits/45 hours)

SSWD 120: Ethics and Practice (3 credits/45 hours)

SSWD 215: Interpersonal Communications (3 credits/45 hours)

Semester 2

HDEC 104: Human Development 2 (3 credits/45 hours)

IHSW 102: The Indigenous Family and Parenting (3 credits/45 hours)

IHSW 103: Indigenous Wellness and Healthy Practices (3 credits/45 hours)

IHSW 104: Social and Health Issues in Indigenous Communities (3 credits/45 hours)

IHSW 105: Community Helping Project (3 credits/45 hours)