

Indigenous Education Protocol for Colleges and Institutes



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The signatory institutions to this protocol recognize and affirm their responsibility and obligation to Indigenous education.

Colleges and institutes respect and recognize that Indigenous people include First Nation, Métis and Inuit people, having distinct cultures, languages, histories and contemporary perspectives.



Indigenous education emanates from the intellectual and cultural traditions of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

Indigenous education will strengthen colleges' and institutes' contribution to improving the lives of learners and communities.

The signatory institution agrees to:

1. Commit to making Indigenous education a priority.
2. Ensure governance structures recognize and respect Indigenous peoples.
3. Implement intellectual and cultural traditions of Indigenous peoples through curriculum and learning approaches relevant to learners and communities.
4. Support students and employees to increase understanding and reciprocity among Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.
5. Commit to increasing the number of Indigenous employees with ongoing appointments, throughout the institution, including Indigenous senior administrators.
6. Establish Indigenous-centred holistic services and learning environments for learner success.
7. Build relationships and be accountable to Indigenous communities in support of self-determination through education, training and applied research.

Signatories endorse the intent of these principles and are committed to developing policies, procedures and practices within their institutions.

Institution	Name	Title	Date	Signature
Northern College	Fred Gibbons	President and CEO	June 19, 2015	
Indigenous Partners Northern College Indigenous Council	Micheal Miller	Chair	June 19, 2015	
Elder	David Faries	Elder on Campus	June 19, 2015	