Discover Your Potential
The Aboriginal Enriched Support Program (AESP) at Carleton University is a unique first-year program that offers alternative admission and academic support to Aboriginal students.

What is AESP?
AESP is a full-time program that offers the opportunity to:
- enrol in first-year university courses
- earn admission to a degree
- strengthen your academic skills
- connect to Carleton University’s Aboriginal community

Who applies to AESP?
- students with the potential to excel at university but who may not meet traditional entrance requirements
- students who would like support as they begin university studies
- mature students who would like support as they return to studies

AESP Students
- attend classes with Carleton University degree students
- may participate in all forms of university life
- are evaluated according to the same standards
- earn the same universally recognized credits for each course

Program of study
AESP students take courses and workshops.
- Three first-year credit courses including a core Aboriginal Studies seminar and subjects such as:
  - Anthropology
  - English
  - Environmental Studies
  - Film Studies
  - Geography
  - History
  - Human Rights
  - Law
  - Political Science
  - Philosophy
  - Psychology
  - Religion
  - Sociology
  - Social Work
- Two non-credit workshops designed to build the skills needed to excel in university studies

Students have access to a network of supports that include Aboriginal student mentors, weekly workshops, student advisors and academic coaches.

From AESP to a degree
AESP can help you earn admission to a degree. Students who successfully complete the program with the required average (C+ for most programs) are guaranteed admission to a degree.

Credits earned in AESP count toward your degree.
AESP provides an excellent bridge to degrees in the Arts and Social Sciences.

How to apply
Applicants apply directly to AESP. Application guidelines and a downloadable application package can be found on our website at carleton.ca/aesp.

Costs and funding
Consult our website for current program costs.
Students enrolled in the AESP may be eligible, if qualified, for bursary, funding and/or student loan support.

Questions
See our website for more program information or contact us at aesp@carleton.ca or 613-520-2804. We welcome your questions.

Vanessa Stevens,
student in B.A. Honours Psychology, minor in Aboriginal Studies
“When I thought I had few options, AESP gave me one and it has been a life-altering event.”

Teevi Mackay,
current AESP student
“I would definitely recommend the AESP to other Inuit students. This program is geared to fully support you and it provides a community of Aboriginal students who are experiencing the same transition to university life.”
We’re opening doors

The AESP is designed and managed by the Centre for Initiatives in Education (CIE).

The CIE is a unit of Carleton University offering programs that bring access and support to post-secondary education.

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“The year was amazing! I just want to thank the team for allowing me to pursue my goals and reach my full potential – and have a chance for a better future.”