Discover your potential

The Indigenous Enriched Support Program (IESP) offers you the opportunity to start university studies now. Sometimes grades don’t tell the whole story. That’s why Carleton University offers the IESP—a unique way to qualify for degree admission while taking first-year courses. IESP was designed for:

- First Nations, Inuit, Métis, Status or Non-Status students who would like a supported transition to university studies;
- high school or college Indigenous students with the potential to succeed at university, but who may not meet traditional entrance requirements; and
- mature Indigenous students who would like support as they return to studies.

We’re opening doors

IESP offers you the opportunity to:

- get started on first-year university in a full-time program;
- earn first-year credits that will count toward a degree;
- receive academic support in small, weekly workshops that help you make the transition to university-level work;
- benefit from individual academic and time management support in the form of academic coaching;
- get advice from advisors who will help you in exploring academic goals and options; and
- build a basis for admission to a degree.

Richard Cywink, History student

“I am an Odawa and status Indian from Wikwemikong, Manitoulin Island. I applied to go to Carleton University in order to make a career change. I was accepted to their Indigenous Enriched Support Program (IESP) and successfully completed the program. Without the network of assistance and support of the IESP, I doubt if I would have made it through the first year. This program helps First Nation students adjust to life and studies at the university undergraduate level. After successfully completing the IESP, I was officially accepted into Carleton University as an Honours History student.”

From IESP to a degree

IESP offers several pathways to help you achieve your goals. Our streams can help you qualify for degrees in:

- Arts and Social Sciences;
- Business;
- Computer Science;
- Engineering; and
- Science.

Please see our website for prerequisite subject requirements and program of study for each stream.

80-90% of students who fully participate in the program are eligible for admission to a degree program after IESP.

Program of study

IESP students register in first-year courses that are supported by weekly workshops offering academic support. As an IESP student, you have access to a network of supports that include Indigenous student peer mentors, an Indigenous studies core First-year Seminar class taught by an Indigenous instructor, weekly workshops, academic advisors and academic coaches.

Ashley Grenstone, Human Rights graduate

“After not being accepted [to] programs due to my math grades, I didn’t have plans for anything else. I hadn’t applied anywhere else, and I wasn’t motivated to try until I got a call from the Indigenous Enriched Support Program (IESP) [that] exists to seek out students whose access to post secondary education is blocked as a consequence of various reasons, such as grades. Going through the program is what gave me the belief that I am worthy of connecting to others, of asking for help and of being a part of a community of people who care and want to see me grow.”
Do you want more information? Please contact us at:

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The IESP 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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This document is available in a variety of accessible formats upon request. A request can be made on the Carleton University website at: carleton.ca/accessibility/request.

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**Shane Polson, Canadian and Indigenous Studies graduate**

“I would highly recommend IESP to people who want to pursue university. The IESP has so many different tools that help students adjust to the university level, whether it is academic or social support. This program is great for students coming from small communities that need to adjust to university lifestyle and the city lifestyle. If the students take advantage of all that is available through this program they will be met with success. Although, prior to attending university I had experience with college life, I was still very fearful of attending university. I felt overwhelmed and unprepared; however the IESP program showed me how to get over my fears. Thanks to this program, I have the confidence to pursue anything I put my mind to.”

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**How to apply**
Submit your application directly to IESP. Application guidelines, admissions requirements, program costs and a downloadable application package can be found on our website at carleton.ca/iesp.

**Costs and funding**
Consult our website for current program costs.

Students enrolled in the IESP may be eligible, if qualified, for bursary and/or student loan support.

Most bands or Indigenous funding programs support IESP; be sure to consult with your funder directly for eligibility.

**Questions**
See our website for more program information or contact us directly. We welcome your questions.

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Students in the Ojigkwanong Centre; Carleton’s Indigenous student centre.