



Indigenous Enriched Support Program



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Realize your potential

The Indigenous Enriched Support Program (IESP) is Carleton University's unique entrance program designed for First Nations (Status and Non-Status), Métis, and Inuit learners. Through this program, IESP students take first-year courses at Carleton while qualifying for admissions and demonstrate their potential to succeed in a supportive university environment.



Students in the Ojigkwanong Centre, Carleton's Indigenous student centre.

IESP might be for you if:

- You are a First Nations, Inuit, or Métis learner, interested in transitioning to university studies;
- You have been out of school for a while, or have recently graduated from high school or college;
- You have the potential for university studies but do not meet the traditional entrance requirements; or
- You would like to start university with a supported cohort of Indigenous students.

What is IESP?

Since 1996, more than 2,500 students have enrolled in IESP at Carleton. IESP students take first-year credit courses while benefitting from a culturally

supportive environment of peer mentors, academic coaches, academic advising and personalized seminars. When completing the program, students will qualify for and be assisted with the process of applying for a degree program.

Centre for Indigenous Support and Community Engagement

IESP is offered through the Centre for Indigenous Support and Community Engagement, a unit within Carleton that nurtures a sense of belonging for Indigenous students and creates culturally safe spaces for dialogue and learning through the development and delivery of resources and training on Indigenous experiences, worldviews and histories.

How can IESP help me?

IESP can help you achieve your academic goals in many ways:

- Personal and accessible help with application processes, course registration, program selection and academic career planning;
- A network of instructors, academic subject facilitators, peer mentors, writing and study skills coaches, and program coordinators who work together to ensure your success;
- An Indigenous Studies First-Year Seminar;
- Indigenous peer mentors who provide you with personal and front-line support in accessing both IESP and Indigenous resources on campus; and
- Links with Indigenous resources and contacts, such as the Centre for Indigenous Support and Community Engagement, Ojigkwanong Student Centre, Centre for Indigenous Research, Culture, Language and Education (CIRCLE), and the Mawandoseg Centre (CUSA Indigenous Student Service Centre).

Students who fully engage with the IESP program are more likely to graduate with a better GPA and experience a more positive overall post-secondary experience.

"There are going to be times where you feel like you don't belong, or you shouldn't be here. I know I felt that way. However, that is far from the truth. You do belong here; you should be here, and you will succeed. It does not matter how long it takes you. There is no rush or deadline for your degree, your journey is your own journey. Do it your way."

Aurora Ominika-Enosse, Ojibway/
Anishinaabe current Social Work
student.







How it works

Through IESP, you can build your admission for a degree program:

- Get started on first-year courses in a full-time program, earning credits that will count towards your degree;
- Take up to three first-year university courses (one first-year seminar and two electives of your choosing);
- Receive weekly academic support in small workshops that support you in the transition to university-level studies;
- Benefit from individual academic and time-management support in the form

of academic coaching; and

- Receive guidance and support from academic advisors who will help you explore your academic goals and options.

Academic Programs

As an IESP student, you will enroll in three academic courses, one first-year Indigenous seminar and two electives of your choice. You will also be enrolled in two seminars and will receive one-on-one academic coaching.

80-90 per cent of students who fully participate in the IESP program are eligible for admissions to a degree program at Carleton.



"The IESP team has allowed me to continue my education and reach my goals as a student and mother. I would not be where I am today without this opportunity and all of their amazing support. Chi-Miigwech."

Gina Louttit-Bellefeuille, IESP mentor and former IESP student.

Requirements to enter the IESP

Depending on your background, the minimum requirements include:

- Ontario high school applicants must submit a complete application, have three grade 12 credits at the U or M level (4U English is recommended but not required), and be eligible for their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- Out-of-province high school applicants must submit a complete application, hold a high school diploma, with half their grade 12 credits in the academic/university stream.
- Mature applicants must submit a complete application and are considered on a case-by-case basis. The IESP office will consider those who have been away from full-time studies for two years and who have not undertaken other college or university studies as a mature student.
- College/CEGEP applicants must submit a complete application and may be considered after completing one year of a college program.

Reach out to iesp@carleton.ca to ask specific questions about program requirements or visit carleton.ca/indigenous/cii/iesp for more information.







How to apply

Applications open on **March 1** each year. Guidelines, admissions requirements, program costs and a downloadable application package are available at carleton.ca/indigenous/cii/iesp.

We offer financial support

We offer a wide range of bursaries and awards for eligible students enrolled in the IESP. Most bands or Indigenous funding programs support IESP; be sure to consult with your funder directly for eligibility. Consult carleton.ca/indigenous/cii/iesp for current program costs and for more information about financial aid opportunities.



"I was very grateful to be taken into the Indigenous Enriched Support Program after being out of school for a very long time. Everyone from the administrators to the facilitators has been really supportive and I feel welcome in the program. The whole experience has given me a sense of hope and optimism about my future."

Jacob T. Maracle, Mohawk (Six Nations/Haudenosaunee), first year IESP student.



Have questions? We're here to help!

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