

## **FAQ – Indigenous Teacher Education Program (ITEP)**

### **1. What is the Indigenous Teacher Education Program (ITEP)?**

The Indigenous Teacher Education Program (ITEP) provides students of Indigenous ancestry the opportunity to earn a Diploma in Education or a Bachelor of Education Degree from Nipissing University and a Certificate of Qualification from the Ontario College of Teachers with qualifications to teach Primary/Junior divisions in all schools across Ontario.

### **2. Who is eligible to take this program?**

This program will be available for members of Bimose Tribal Council communities. Applicants must have i) successfully completed an undergraduate degree from an accredited university, or ii) successfully completed a college diploma, in the preferred areas of Early Childhood Education, Social Work, Youth Worker, or iii) successfully completed Nipissing University's Aboriginal Classroom Assistant Diploma Program.

### **3. What do I receive if I successfully complete the ITEP?**

Successful students will receive a Certificate of Qualification from the Ontario College of Teachers in the Primary/Junior (K-6) divisions. Successful students will receive either a i) Bachelor of Education degree if they have previously earned an undergraduate degree or ii) a Diploma in Education.

### **4. When will the program start?**

The 2-year program will start in January 2019 and conclude in November 2020.

### **5. When will classes be scheduled?**

The program will be scheduled on alternating weekends (Saturday and Sunday) throughout the school year. There will also be two summer sessions, when students will attend classes Monday to Friday in the month of July (2019 and 2020).

Students must also be available to complete an 8-week practicum in Year 1 of the program (January 2019 to December 2019) and an 11-week practicum in Year 2 of the program (January 2020 – December 2020). The practicum must be completed in Kindergarten to grade 6 regular classrooms (Primary/Junior divisions). Students will also be required to complete a 60-hour alternative practicum in Year 2 of the program.

### **6. What is the cost of the program?**

The tuition for the **first year** of the program is \$7357.00 plus ancillary fees of \$378.20. There is a \$50.00 application fee. Tuition and ancillary fees for Year 2 will be finalized in fall 2019.

### **7. Where will the program be located?**

The program will be housed at Kiizhik Elementary School in Kenora (1450 Valley Dr., Kenora).

## **8. How do I apply for the program?**

Application forms for the program are available at [www.nipissingu.ca/aboriginalprograms](http://www.nipissingu.ca/aboriginalprograms) for download. Applicants must also provide proof of Indigenous Ancestry, and original copies of transcripts from previous post-secondary institutions demonstrating successful program completion.

## **9. Who do I contact if I have additional questions about ITEP?**

If you have questions about the **application process**, please contact Amy Pipe ([amyp@nipissingu.ca](mailto:amyp@nipissingu.ca)), or call 705-474-3450 ext. 4463.

If you have questions about the **program (courses, schedule, etc.)** please contact Chris Hachkowski ([chrisha@nipissingu.ca](mailto:chrisha@nipissingu.ca)) or call 705-474-3450 ext. 4368.