

GENERAL ARTS & SCIENCE CERTIFICATE - INDIGENOUS SPECIALIZATION (GAIN)

Focus on your culture and heritage while exploring career options.

Blend Indigenous perspectives, knowledge, and worldviews to develop your academic growth and workplace skills. You'll learn from the land, the Ancestors, yourself, and fellow students, always supported by experienced and trustworthy Elders, faculty, and staff.

Courses focus on enhancing math, writing, and learning skills, with opportunities to learn about various Indigenous cultures. Support your emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual well-being while earning credits that can be transferred into other programs. Gain confidence in your abilities and explore your future options in a supportive environment that is welcoming to Indigenous and non-Indigenous learners.

Program highlights

- Choose to study Ojibway or Cree language courses
- Practice and learn about culture and heritage
- Explore potential career paths while earning transferable credits
- Access to Cambrian College services, including computer labs, internet access, counselling, and free tutoring
- Bridge to college and university programs
- Supported by our Wabnode Centre for Indigenous Services staff and programming

Program of study for 2025-26 Academic Year

| Semester 1 | | Credits |
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| IND 1102 or IND 1101 | Anishnaabemowin or Nehiyawemowin | 3 |
| ENG 1212 | Foundations of College English | 3 |
| Pick one of the following: | | 3 |
| MTH 1136 | Essentials of Mathematics | |
| BUS 1008 | Personal Finance | |
| IND 1018 | Indigenous Learning Strategies | 3 |
| LST 1115 | Digital Skills for Success | 3 |
| IND 1005 | Culture, Tradition and Heritage | 3 |
| IND 1103 | Wellness and the Good Life | 3 |
| Credits | | 21 |
| Semester 2 | | |
| IND 1202 or IND 1201 | Anishnaabemowin II or Nehiyawemowin II | 3 |
| ENG 1002 | College Communications | 3 |
| IND 1203 | Wellness and the Good Life II | 3 |
| IND TBD: Indigenous Activism | | 3 |
| Pick one of the following: | | 3 |
| MTH 1137 | Fundamentals of Mathematics | |
| IND 1010 | Taking Care of Shkagamik-Kwe | |
| IND 1062 | Indigenous Perspectives on Care | |
| Pick one of the following: | | 3 |
| IND 1009 | Intro to Powwow Culture | |

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| IND 1015 | Indigenous Arts and Film | |
| IND 1017 | Indigenous Peoples Today | |
| IND 1019 | Indigenous Global Perspectives | |
| One General Education course ¹ | | 3 |
| Credits | | 21 |
| Total Credits | | 42 |

¹ For more information regarding General Education courses, click here (<https://cambriancollege.ca/general-electives/>).

Admissions requirements

For graduates of the new curriculum (OSS): Ontario Secondary School Diploma (30 credits) or equivalent or mature student status, including:

- Any grade 12 English – OLC40, (E) Workplace, (C) College, (U) University

General Educational Development (GED) is applicable. Depending on test scores, Accuplacer English Assessment may be required. Please speak to the program coordinator for more information.

Program delivery

There are currently no intakes scheduled at this time.

Employment opportunities

There are a number of benefits to obtaining a General Arts and Science - Indigenous Specialization Certificate at Cambrian College.

- Gain cultural awareness and appreciation, build confidence, and develop success strategies
- Develop and showcase highly sought-after employability skills
- Experience a robust curriculum that is holistic and culturally informed, preparing graduates to navigate contemporary employment opportunities while maintaining and fostering vital cultural connections and traditional wellness practices

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