

our language is a gift from the Creator
that we carry for our children,
our language carries the knowledge of this land,
our language carries our knowledge of who we are,
our language carries our future

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Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Language Program



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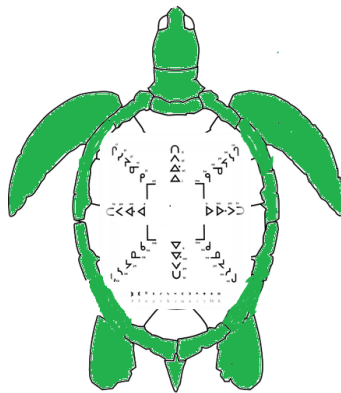
The Bachelor of Arts in Cree Language is a three year program which focuses on fluency and Education. We are offering the Cree program in two tracks:

Non-Fluent

- Immersion & Conversational
- Grammar & Writing (SRO/cahkipêhikana)
- Language Methodologies
- Assessment, Long Range & Daily Planning, Service Learning
- Ceremony, Land-based Learning
- Arts, Computers, English literacy

Fluent

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Cultural Emphasis

Language is taught in an environment that is embedded with Cree tradition of prayer, song and ceremony. Students also have access to Cree cultural activities both in the class room and in the wider school environment. These include pipe ceremonies; give away ceremonies, night lodges, chicken dances and ghost dances.

Elders

There are two resident Elders on staff and in addition to this the Cree language program regularly invites Elders to be part of the teaching team. The intent of the program is to assist students in developing relationships with Elders or language speakers who can enhance their language acquisition experience.

Community Engagement

The program actively encourages and finds opportunities for students to engage in community revitalizing projects such as talking with students groups, conference presentations, and immersion weekends.

“What you hear, see and learn in this Cree program is something you will hold onto and never forget through your lifetime. It will be to your benefit and the benefit to the future, for our young generation, for all who want to learn and be creative. So join up and we shall be reunited in our language..”

Randy E. Cardinal

“I started the Cree Language Program because I wanted my language back from the school that took it from me”

1st year student

“I am in the program so I can know the richness of our language so that I can relate it to the teaching curriculum.”

Karen Jackson, B.Ed.

“For me it started with a yearning for something, when my daughter was born, I wanted her to be connected to the Cree community. Since then, I’ve come to see the language as fascinating, intriguing and brilliant.”

Marilyn Shirt, Dean of Languages