

Master in Indigenous Languages Program

This graduate program will be based on a model that combines course work with practical experience and is grounded in ceremony. UnBQ and Community will provide an environment in which Graduate students can have the opportunity to broaden the scope of their theoretical knowledge through participation in classes.

The goal of the program is to provide students with the opportunity to further develop their understanding of language revitalization by providing a forum for exchange of their ideas and share insights through active participation in colloquia, research groups and ceremony.

The program is designed for students who have already achieved fluency in spoken their language and competency in reading texts written in either Standard Roman Orthography or Syllabics. An additional goal of the program is to build on student's linguistic knowledge of their language in relation to second language acquisitions planning.

The Cree Language Program was developed in response to the growing awareness of indigenous language declination that exists and the desire for effective strategies for language revitalization within our communities. Blue Quills' role is one of supporting language teachers and providing language education to the communities we serve.

Course Requirements:

- Minimum of six full courses at the graduate level and must include elements of the following, linguistics (morphology, phonology, and syntax), literacy and second language acquisitions.
- For students who are not fluent they must take the first year of the BA in Cree and achieve a functional level of fluency in Cree.
- For students who are fluent who do not have an undergraduate degree. they must complete either Cree 100 or IYIS 118.
- Involvement in research project or thesis paper written in Cree, Dene Suline or English

