

FALL 2024



INDIGENOUS BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

CLOSING DATE: **April 29, 2024**

2024-2026 SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATION



# Maskwaċis Inġw Kiskinahamaťo Kamik

## INDIGENOUS BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

### SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATION

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Indigenous Bachelor of Social Work. We would like you to know that although you may qualify for the program, we will make every effort to select applicants that are prepared to take on the challenge of academic work at the bachelor level and who will participate in ceremony. Preference will be given to students with a completed Diploma of Social Work or equivalent credential from an Indigenous Institute (UnBQ, RCC, YTC, or MCC) or a program with an Indigenous foundation. Social Work Diplomas from other Institutions are also eligible but will be reviewed to ensure that the Indigenous standards have been met.

Applicants are invited to complete the **MCC application** form available on online or downloadable PDF. With your Supplementary Application, please attach a current resume to [ibsw-winter2024@mccedu.ca](mailto:ibsw-winter2024@mccedu.ca). Following the submission of all paperwork, applicants will be scheduled to meet with the program interview panel for final selection. We will be accepting up to 18 eligible applicants. Only completed applications will be considered for admission into the program.

*Applications closing date is April 29 to allow time for interviews to be scheduled for May 13-15.*

**The following is a checklist of required documents for your application:**

DOCUMENT	CHECK
Completed an MCC application ONLINE	
Ordered my official high school transcripts from Alberta Education. <i>Please have the transcripts sent to the MCC registrar's office, <a href="mailto:ccrier@mccedu.ca">ccrier@mccedu.ca</a>. Address: P.O. Box 960 Maskwacis, AB T0C 1N0</i>	
Ordered my <b>official post-secondary education transcripts</b> from all Post-secondary institutions that I have attended in the past. If you attended MCC, you do not need official transcripts. <i>Please have the transcripts sent to the MCC registrar's office, <a href="mailto:ccrier@mccedu.ca">ccrier@mccedu.ca</a>. Address: P.O. Box 960 Maskwacis, AB T0C 1N0</i>	
Attached a copy of my current resume send to <a href="mailto:ibsw-winter2024@mccedu.ca">ibsw-winter2024@mccedu.ca</a> .	
Completed Supplementary Application (Personal Statement & Reference List) send to <a href="mailto:ibsw-winter2024@mccedu.ca">ibsw-winter2024@mccedu.ca</a> .	



**1. Profile Information:**

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Contact Information:**

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Alternate Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number for Alternate Contact (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have further questions, please contact:**

Yvonne Crane, Assistant Registrar  
[ylarocque@mccedu.ca](mailto:ylarocque@mccedu.ca) 780-585-3925, ext. 222

Wilda Listener, Dean of Indigenous Social Work  
[ibsw-winter2024@mccedu.ca](mailto:ibsw-winter2024@mccedu.ca)  
780-585-3925, ext. 232

*Once your transcript[s] and other materials are received by the Registrar you will be invited to meet with the Social Work Program dean for an interview and discuss next steps.*



## **Indigenous Bachelor of Social Work (IBSW) Degree**

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT GUIDELINES**

By completing your Personal Statement, you will be provided with an opportunity to explore and describe how your prior life experiences have encouraged you to consider embarking upon an educational journey which is founded upon Indigenous knowledge systems. The table below will expand for more information added, you do not need a separate page to submit.

**1. Please describe the factors in your life which have inspired you to pursue a career in social work.**

**2. Please describe the motivation to complete a social work education program that possesses an Indigenous foundation.**

**3. Please identify and describe those skills and experiences that indicate your personal suitability to the field of social work.**

**4. If you are working, what are your plans for school, community learning (practicum), and employment?**

**5. Leading a healthy lifestyle is an essential requirement for maximizing the benefits of all learning activities. Please describe your plans for attending to the following elements of your life in a healthy manner throughout the duration of your social work education journey.**



- a. Family and Community Responsibilities
- b. Emotional and Physical Health
- c. Academic Responsibilities
- d. Financial Considerations Related to the Student Lifestyle
- e. Potential Life Challenges

**6. In one to two paragraphs please describe your knowledge of Indigenous ways of knowing and those social issues that currently face Indigenous peoples in Canada. Describe how you can assist to restore balance to Indigenous individuals, families, and communities.**



## CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCES

Please provide the names and contact information of three individuals for your letters of Reference. A form will be emailed to your referees, and they will email it back to [ibsw-winter2024@mccedu.ca](mailto:ibsw-winter2024@mccedu.ca). Please ask for assist. The referees will have until May 6, 2024 to submit.

The three references should be obtained from an education or employment source. Please do not ask family members to provide a reference. Please provide their contact information and emails as we will directly contact your references.

### First Reference (Education/Employment)

Reference name:	
Community/Organization:	
Position:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

### Second Reference (Education/Employment)

Reference name:	
Community/Organization:	
Position:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

### Third Reference (Education/Employment)

Reference name:	
Community/Organization:	
Position:	
Telephone:	
Email:	



## **Ethical Principles**

### **Declaration of the Council of Elders for the FNAHEC\* Indigenous Social Work Program**

#### **Our Vision: Communities Living in a Sacred Manner**

We, as the Indigenous peoples of this land, have a fundamental responsibility to maintain balanced and harmonious relationships with all forms of life;

We hold in reverence all that Mother Earth has given us;

We recognize that our sacred knowledge is carried in our languages, our ceremonies and the gifts of Creation;

We possess a fundamental right to meet our sacred responsibility of raising our children in a manner so that they will fulfill *their* sacred responsibility of conducting their lives in a harmonious manner;

We recognize that we have a responsibility to protect tribal protocols that are used in the transfer of sacred knowledge;

We recognize that our sacred ways ensure our survival; and

We recognize that the survival of the collective is critical to ensuring that individuals are able to fulfill their sacred responsibilities and thus achieve a state of personal well-being.

Therefore, we agree and commit ourselves as Elders and members of our Nations to respectfully work together to fulfill our fundamental responsibility to:

#### **Ensure that our sacred ways are sustained through:**

- Speaking our languages;
- Conducting our ceremonies; and
- Living in good relationship with our families, clans, tribes, and all of Creation.

The Council of Elders is a body that possesses the authority to protect the sacred ways of our people. This authority has been transferred through the generations and honors sacred ways of knowing. The mandate of the Council of Elders is to ensure that the FNAHEC Indigenous Social Work Program graduates' people who will practice social work in a manner true to our sacredness.

\*IBSW has been collaboratively developed by members of the First Nations Adult and Higher Education Consortium.



## Indigenous Bachelor of Social Work (IBSW) Degree

### Program Requirements:

#### After Diploma in Social Work Route with an Indigenous Foundation

The initial delivery of the IBSW has been designed to meet the needs of students who have completed a Social Work Diploma program with an Indigenous foundation or a diploma program with comparable equivalencies. The IBSW will be delivered over a two-year time period and through the use of a regular and block delivery format.

<b>Year One</b> <b>Theme: Personal and Family Wellness</b>	<b>Year Two</b> <b>Theme: Community and Global Wellness</b>
ISWK 3000: Application of Indigenous Ethical Principles & Cultural Protocols  ISWK 3110: Indigenous Language/Philosophy  ISWK 3601: Applying Indigenous Knowledges: Selected Topics  ISWK 3605: Indigenous Worldviews  ISWK 3503: Analysis of Generalist Canadian Social Work Practice  ISWK 3505: Indigenous Research Methods  ISWK 3300: Community Practicum (6 Credits)  ISWK 3301: Seminar Community Practicum (1 Credit)  <b>Non-Social Work Electives:</b>  INDG 2010: Indigenous Decolonization  INDG 3010: Neuro Decolonization  HIST 3570: Exploring the Roots of Imperialism  <b>Total Credits: 33</b>	ISWK 4000: Application of Indigenous Ethical Principles & Cultural Protocols  ISWK 4603: Critical Analysis of International Social Work Practice  ISWK 3203: Healing within the Sacred  ISWK 4601: Applying Indigenous Knowledge: Selected Topics  ISWK 4602: Utilizing Indigenous Knowledges to Restore Global Wellness  ISWK 4300: Community Practicum (6 Credits)  ISWK 4301: Seminar Community Practicum (1 Credit)  <b>Non-Social Work Electives</b>  PSYC 2550: Interpersonal Neuro-Biology  ISWK 4605: Indigenous Governance for Cultural Resurgence  ISWK 4609: Environmental Health and Healing  <b>Total Credits: 30</b>