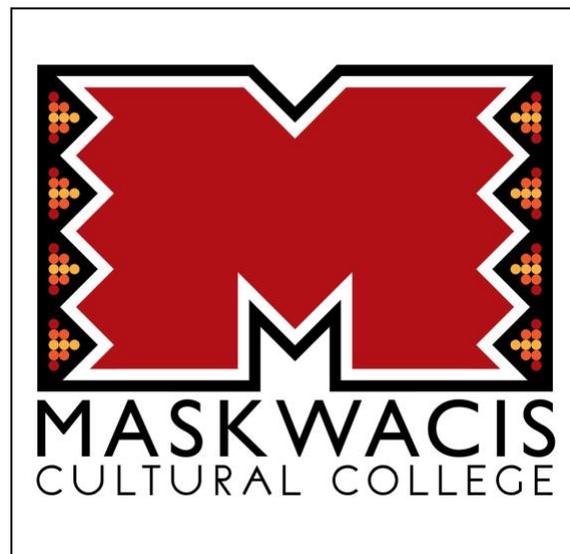


FALL 2022



INDIGENOUS BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

APPLICATION PACKAGE

MASKWACIS CULTURAL COLLEGE

ISWK

Maskwacis, AB



Maskwaçis Înîw Kiskinahamâtô Kamîk

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Closed Date for Application and all supporting documents is May 1, 2022

Dear Applicant:

We 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 (UnnBQ, 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 **application** form available at the Registrar’s office, attach a current resume along with the personal statement outlined within this application package and three letters of reference. 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 May 1 to allow time for interviews to be scheduled for May, 2022.

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

DOCUMENT	CHECK
Completed an MCC application	
Ordered my official high school transcripts from Alberta Education	
Ordered my official post-secondary education transcripts from all Post-secondary institutions that I have attended in the past (if you attended MCC, you do not need official transcripts)	
Attached a copy of my current resume	
Attached a copy of my Personal Statement	
Referees have sent letters of references	
Scheduled an interview date with Program Dean & Committee	

1. Profile Information:

Surname: _____

First Name: _____



Middle Name(s): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Treaty Number (if applicable): _____

Name of Band (if applicable): _____

2. Contact Information:

Street/Box Number: _____

City/Town: _____

Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

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
yvonne.crane@mccedu.ca 780-585-3925, ext. 222

Wilda Listener, Dean ISWC
wlistener@mccedu.ca 780-585-3925, ext. 232

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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.

Please respond to each of the following questions in paragraph format (double spaced word-processed responses are preferred):

1. Please describe the factors in your life which have inspired you to pursue a career in social work.
2. Please describe the motivation for your desire to complete a social work education program that possesses an Indigenous philosophical foundation.
3. Please identify and describe those skills and experiences that you believe indicate your personal suitability to the field of social work.
4. 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.
 - Family and Community Responsibilities
 - Emotional and Physical Health
 - Academic Responsibilities
 - Financial Considerations Related to the Student Lifestyle
 - Potential Life Challenges
5. In one to two paragraphs please describe your knowledge of Indigenous cultures and those social issues that currently face Indigenous peoples in Canada.
6. Given the 94 recommendations put forward by the Truth & Reconciliation Commission, where do you see your involvement in addressing any of them? Describe how you believe you can make a difference in restoring health to Indigenous individuals, families, and communities.

Application Package – Confirmation of Reference Requests



I have provided the following three individuals with a copy of the MCC Reference Form and they have agreed to send the completed form to the attention of the Registrar at Maskwacis Cultural College by mail or fax.

Reference #1: _____

Organization _____

Position _____

Telephone _____

Reference # 2: _____

Organization _____

Position _____

Telephone _____

Reference #3: _____

Organization _____

Position _____

Telephone _____

Mail: Registrar's Office
Attention: IBSW Program
Maskwacis Cultural College
Box 960, Maskwacis, AB T0C 1N0
Phone: 780-585-3925 or 1-866-585-3925
Fax: 780-585-2080

IBSW Application Package – Reference Form



Name of Applicant _____

Name of Reference _____

Organization _____

Position _____

Telephone _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

On a separate page, please respond to the following:

1. Please describe those skills that you believe the applicant possesses that will assist them in successfully completing a social work education program. (For example, you may describe the applicant's skill level in such areas as interpersonal communication, writing, and time management)
2. Please describe in what ways you believe that the applicant is suited to the profession of social work.
3. Please comment, as applicable, upon the applicant's past or potential contributions to social work practice with Indigenous peoples.

Date: _____

Signature of person completing this form: _____

Please forward this reference to:
Registrar's Office
Attention: IBSW Program
By Email: wlistener@mccedu.ca
Maskwacis Cultural College
Box 960 Maskwacis, Alberta T0C 1N0
Telephone: 780-585-3925 or 1-866-585-3925



IBSW Application Package – Reference Form

Name of Applicant _____

Name of Reference _____

Organization _____

Position _____

Telephone _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

On a separate page, please respond to the following:

4. Please describe those skills that you believe the applicant possesses that will assist them in successfully completing a social work education program. (For example, you may describe the applicant's skill level in such areas as interpersonal communication, writing, and time management)
5. Please describe in what ways you believe that the applicant is suited to the profession of social work.
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Name of Applicant _____

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Organization _____

Position _____

Telephone _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

On a separate page, please respond to the following:

7. Please describe those skills that you believe the applicant possesses that will assist them in successfully completing a social work education program. (For example, you may describe the applicant's skill level in such areas as interpersonal communication, writing, and time management)
8. Please describe in what ways you believe that the applicant is suited to the profession of social work.
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Declaration of the Council of Elders for the FNAHEC* Indigenous Social Work Program

Approved: October 2002

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.

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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.



**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.

Year One Theme: Personal and Family Wellness	Year Two Theme: Community and Global Wellness
ISWK 3000: Application of Indigenous Ethical Principles & Cultural Protocols	ISWK 4000: Application of Indigenous Ethical Principles & Cultural Protocols
ISWK 3110: Indigenous Language/Philosophy	ISWK 4603: Critical Analysis of International Social Work Practice
ISWK 3203: Healing within the Sacred	ISWK 4601: Applying Indigenous Knowledge: Selected Topics
ISWK 3601: Applying Indigenous Knowledges: Selected Topics	ISWK 4602: Utilizing Indigenous Knowledges to Restore Global Wellness
ISWK 3605: Indigenous Worldviews	ISWK 4300P: Preparation for Community Practicum
ISWK 3503: Analysis of Generalist Canadian Social Work Practice	ISWK 4300: Community Practicum (6 Credits)
ISWK 3505: Indigenous Research Methods	ISWK 4301: Seminar Community Practicum (1 Credit)
ISWK 3300P: Preparation for Community Practicum	Non-Social Work Electives
ISWK 3300: Community Practicum (6 Credits)	PSYC 2550: Interpersonal Neurobiology
ISWK 3301: Seminar Community Practicum (1 Credit)	HIST 3570: Exploring the Roots of Imperialism
Non-Social Work Electives:	ISWK 4505: Governance for Cultural Resurgence
INDG 2010: Indigenous Decolonization	ISWK 4509: Environmental Healing and Health
INDG 3010: Neuro Decolonization	
Total Credits: 33	Total Credits: 30