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# Indigenous learning providers

Explore a post-secondary education rooted in Indigenous languages, worldviews and cultures in Alberta.

## Overview

First Nations colleges and Indigenous learning providers offer adult learning opportunities in an Indigenous context.

Students benefit from wraparound services, including cultural supports that are integral to both their academic achievement and their personal wellbeing.

## First Nations colleges

First Nations colleges deliver:

- foundational learning
- preparatory programs
- training programs
- credentialed programs, including Indigenous language and cultural knowledge

Some programs are offered in partnership with other [Alberta publicly-funded post-secondary institutions](#). These colleges develop and approve mandates to guide their operations.

## First Nations colleges in Alberta

College	Programs	Location	Mandate
<a href="#">Maskwacis Cultural College</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• basic adult literacy programs</li></ul>	Samson Cree	<a href="#">Maskwacis Cultural College mandate</a>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cree language culture</li> <li>• certificate and diploma programs</li> <li>• university transfer programs</li> </ul>	Nation, Maskwacis	
<a href="#"><u>Old Sun Community College</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• basic adult upgrading</li> <li>• Blackfoot language and knowledge certificate and diploma</li> <li>• degree programs</li> <li>• accredited programs in collaboration with public post-secondary institutions</li> </ul>	Siksika Nation	<a href="#"><u>Old Sun Community College mandate</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Red Crow Community College</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• upgrading</li> <li>• Blackfoot language and knowledge</li> <li>• certificate and diploma programs</li> <li>• accredited programs in collaboration with publicly-funded post-secondary institutions</li> </ul>	Kainai Nation, Stand Off	<a href="#"><u>Red Crow Community College mandate</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>University nuhelot'jine thaiyots'j nistameyimâkanak Blue Quills</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• upgrading</li> <li>• Cree and Dene languages and cultural knowledge programs</li> <li>• trades</li> </ul>	St. Paul	<a href="#"><u>University nuhelot'jine thaiyots'j nistameyimâkanak Blue Quills mandate</u></a>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• business and leadership</li> <li>• diploma and certificate programs</li> <li>• bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs in Indigenous language and cultural knowledge</li> <li>• accredited programs in collaboration with publicly-funded post-secondary institutions</li> </ul>		
<a href="#">Yellowhead Tribal College</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adult basic upgrading</li> <li>• several preparatory programs</li> <li>• certificate and diploma programs in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ management</li> <li>◦ human services</li> <li>◦ health care</li> <li>◦ education</li> <li>◦ information technology</li> </ul> </li> <li>• accredited programs in collaboration with public post-secondary institutions</li> </ul>	Edmonton	<a href="#">Yellowhead Tribal College mandate</a>

### Transfer agreements

Most of these colleges (except Old Sun Community College) are part of [Alberta's transfer & pathways system](#). This allows students to transfer their post-secondary education between

programs and institutions.

Learn more about transfer opportunities by either:

- asking the college you want to attend about transfer opportunities
- using the [Transfer Alberta search tool](#) to search for transfer opportunities

## Other Indigenous learning providers

Other Indigenous learning providers can be either a:

- non-profit community organization serving local foundational learning and employment readiness needs or
- training institute offering accredited programs and belonging to [Alberta's transfer & pathways system](#)

Other Indigenous adult learning providers include:

Learning provider	Programs	Location	Mandate
<a href="#">Kayas Cultural College</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adult academic upgrading programs</li> <li>• training in:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ basic adult literacy</li> <li>◦ basic adult numeracy</li> <li>◦ GED support</li> <li>◦ foundational life skills</li> <li>◦ child and family literacy</li> <li>◦ Microsoft Office</li> <li>◦ workplace safety</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	John D'or Prairie	<a href="#">Kayas Cultural College mandate</a>
<a href="#">Nechi Institute: Centre of Indigenous Learning</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• community addictions training</li> <li>• counselor training</li> <li>• professional development</li> </ul>	Sturgeon County	<a href="#">Nechi Institute: Centre of Indigenous Learning mandate</a>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous addictions services</li> <li>• family violence</li> <li>• accredited programs are transferable to Alberta universities and colleges</li> </ul>		
<a href="#">Riel Institute for Education &amp; Learning</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• literacy and foundational learning</li> <li>• employability skills</li> <li>• life skills</li> <li>• family and youth support</li> <li>• cultural support</li> <li>• office administration</li> </ul>	Calgary	<a href="#">Riel Institute for Education &amp; Learning mandate</a>
<a href="#">Rupertsland Institute- Rupertsland Centre for Métis Research</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• serves as an academic research entity designed specifically for Métis concerns</li> </ul>	Edmonton	n/a

## Funding support

Government supports for Indigenous adult learners and providers help create meaningful and relevant learning experiences.

[Budget 2018](#) included \$11 million for Indigenous training providers and targeted financial supports for learners.

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