

FIRST NATIONS TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

**TYPE: Master's Degree - Graduate Program
(Advanced Standing)**

LENGTH: 2 years

PARTNER: Wilfrid Laurier University

DELIVERY: Intensive – Students attend week-long sessions every 4-6 weeks

NEXT INTAKE: September 2017 in Kitchener/Tyendingaga, ON

TUITION: \$10,921.80 /degree* *subject to change

OVERVIEW

The Aboriginal Master of Social Work (MSW) program is completely informed by an Indigenous worldview.

Our goal is to develop social work practitioners who demonstrate an understanding of and respect for the history, traditions and cultures of the Indigenous peoples of Canada. This unique program includes the involvement of Indigenous Elders, a traditional circle process, and Indigenous ceremonies. Students explore and further their own holistic growth and learn from work in cultural camps, in classes, and in the field. Academic knowledge is balanced with experiential learning and the need to practice on the basis of Indigenous world views.

This is a graduate degree program for individuals who already have a Bachelor of Social Work. This program is delivered in partnership with Wilfrid Laurier University.

APPLY NOW

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MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK COURSE LIST

SEMESTER ONE

Culture Camp
Elder's Teaching and
Indigenous Identity

SEMESTER TWO

Holistic Healing
Practice
Practicum (3 days/
week)

SEMESTER THREE

Practicum continues
Indigenous Knowledge
and Theory

SEMESTER FOUR

Diversity,
Marginalization and
Oppression
Aboriginal Kinship
Structures and
Social Work Practice

SEMESTER FIVE

Indigenous Research
Methodologies

SEMESTER SIX

Elder's Teachings and
Self-Reflection
(Fasting Camp)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students with the following qualifications will be considered for admission to this Advanced Standing Program:

- Bachelor of Social Work degree from a university of recognized standing. Applicants must have at least a B (73%) standing in the final academic year of the BSW degree (equivalent of 10 half-year courses). For students completing their final year of undergraduate study, eligibility is determined on the basis of the last completed academic year at the time of application.
- Academic background must include a half-credit course in research methodology. Students in the Aboriginal Field of Study do not require statistics
- Evidence of paid and/or voluntary experience in human service field, awareness of contemporary social issues and social work values, demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, and motivation for a career as a professional social worker is assessed on the basis of application material
- Although this program is open to students of all cultural backgrounds, candidates must also have some familiarity with the traditional wholistic healing approach and/or have used it in their practice. This will be demonstrated through a personal statement, references and an admission interview.

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ABOUT FNTI

First Nations Technical Institute (FNTI) is an aboriginal-owned, accredited educational institute whose mission is to offer unique educational experiences, rooted in Indigenous knowledge, to enhance the capacity and strength of learners and communities.

In partnership with several Ontario colleges and universities, FNTI delivers post-secondary programs all over Ontario, wherever numbers and needs dictate. The majority of post-secondary programs are presented in an intensive mode - class sessions usually take place over a one-week period (5 days), every month, or every other month, during the academic year.

We provide culturally-rich curriculum and learning environments. Ceremonies, celebrations, circles and traditional activities are integrated into learning experiences.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Funding for tuition, travel and accommodation costs may be accessed through several sources, such as post-secondary funds accessed through the Education Office of the student's home territory or First Nation, Friendship Centres, Local Area Management Boards, and the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP). Bursary funding is available to learners who demonstrate financial need and a strong commitment to their program.