What is an Indigenous People's Cultural College

Maskwacis is an Indigenous People's Cultural College. It bases its philosophy, its process, teaching and beliefs of the Cree Culture. By using Cree Culture as its foundation, the College provides its services to all Indigenous People's cultures.

Vision Statement of the Indigenous Master of Social Work

"Communities living in a sacred manner"

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The IMSW program strives to *graduate people who will practice social work in a manner true to Indigenous ways of connecting with sacredness* as it manifests through harmonious relationships to all creations. This commitment implies that the students will honour the ways of life of the communities they serve. This bond to local knowledge systems is demonstrated through governance structures and practices aligned with Indigenous ontological responsibilities.

The IMSW is to advance the knowledge and practices that students gained in the IBSW. The program will offer opportunities for healing communities from intergenerational challenges resulting from genocidal policies and colonialism. The IMSW will focus on reclaiming and enhancing Indigenous leadership for the continuity of community Wisdom-Based practices.

Professional Recognition

Graduates of the MCC IMSW program are eligible for registration in the Alberta College of Social Work.

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Schedule of the IMSW

Spring 2024

IMSW 5505: Indigenous Research Methods

ISWK 5510: Leadership and Relational Building

Summer 2024

IMSW 5000: Advanced Application of Indigenous Ethical Principles & Cultural Protocols; Global Social Justice

IMSW 5520: Critical and Reflexive Thinking

Fall 2024

IMSW 5640: Advanced Social Work Practice

IMSW 5660: Decolonizing Social Policies for Global Wellness

IMSW 5670: Community Research II Capstone Preparation

Winter 2025

IMSW 5650: Designing an Indigenous Social Work Framework: Advanced Leadership

IMSW 5600P: Community Learning (Begin practicum).

IMSW 5680: Capstone Project/Integrative Seminar

Spring 2025

IMSW 5600: Community Learning (500 Hours in total, students will begin community Learning January in IMSW 5600P). (If students require more time for Summer will be allowed, provided this is part of the students Learning Plan which will be approved in January).

Students will present their capstones to end the program.

The IMSW program is open to self-determining applicants who are committed to decolonization, honour Indigenous knowledge, and meet the following admission requirements.

1. Four-year Indigenous baccalaureate degree (IBSW.)
2. A GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, based on the last year's official transcripts.
3. One to two years of full-time work or volunteer experience in the human services field. Senior mature adults with two years of broader non-Social Work experience are also welcomed to apply.
4. A four-page written proposal of intent that discusses the prospective student's future or desired applications of the Indigenous social work practice.
5. A current resume.
6. Two reference letters from professional sources; one educational and one work-related.
7. One letter from their mentoring elder or knowledge keeper.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2023. Applicants will be informed of final decisions in January 2024.

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