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INDIGENOUS MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (IMSW) DEGREE APPLICATION PACKAGE

1. Profile Information:

Surname: _____ First Name: _____
Middle Name(s): _____ Date of Birth: _____
Daytime Phone: (_____) _____ Email Address: _____

I have:

- Ordered my official post-secondary education transcripts from all post-secondary institutions that I have attended in the past _____
- Includes confirmation of Bachelor of Social Work _____
- Attached a copy of my current resume _____
- Attached a copy of my Personal Statement _____
- Scheduled an interview date with Admissions panel _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Type your name above to sign

Once your transcript[s] and other materials are received by the Registrar you will be invited to meet with the Social Work Interview Panel for an interview and discuss graduate studies suitability.

If you have further questions, please contact:

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PERSONAL STATEMENT GUIDELINES

By completing your personal statement, you will be provided with an opportunity to explore and describe how your prior life and academic experiences have encouraged you to consider embarking on graduate studies which is founded upon Indigenous knowledge systems.

What we are looking for:

- Your interest in graduate studies
- Demonstrated understanding of Indigenous Worldview in social work practice
- Understanding of the deconstruction of historical impacts of colonialism
- Demonstrated analytical and critical thinking skills
- Focus area of research interest(s)

Please respond to each of the following questions in essay format for a total of 1500 words, we will not read beyond the 1500-word limit.

1. Please describe your motivation to complete a Master of Social Work degree and the focus of your research in a graduate program (how do you plan to carry out the work, describe the necessary steps to achieve this area of your studies)
2. Share your understanding in how ceremony, land and language informs social work practice through the knowledge of Indigenous cultures and those social issues that currently face Indigenous peoples in Canada.
3. Describe how you believe achieving a Master of Social Work degree will make a difference in restoring health to Indigenous individuals, families, and communities.

Application Package – Confirmation of Reference Requests

Provide three references who can attest to your academic and professional experiences and potential as candidate for the Indigenous Master of Social Work degree. Please do not seek references from family or friends. Once you provide the names and contacts of your referees the Registrar office will send a reference assessment form that must be returned directly to the attention of: registrar@bluequills.ca

Reference #1: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Contact Information: (mailing address, phone and email)_____

Reference #2: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Contact Information: (mailing address, phone and email)_____

Reference #3: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Contact Information: (mailing address, phone and email)_____

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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.

*the Indigenous Social Work Program has been collaboratively developed by members of the First Nations

Adult and Higher Education Consortium.

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Proposed Program Requirements: (DRAFT: content in development)

Post BSW degree Route with an Indigenous Foundation

The IMSW has been designed to meet the needs of students who have completed a Bachelor of Social Work degree program with an Indigenous foundation. The IMSW is delivered over a two-year time period through courses delivered in block format on campus at University nuhelot'jine thaiyots'j nistameyimâkanak Blue Quills

Post BSW Degree Route -Subject to change...

Year One	Year Two
MSWK 5015: <i>isihcikêwina</i> : Indigenous ethical principles & cultural protocols (Cultural Camp)	MSWK 5200: <i>wisakacihowin</i> : Decolonizing Trauma and Healing Practices (Connection to our Ancestral Past)
MSWK 5110: <i>nehiyawewin</i> : <i>Reconnecting to the Spirit of the language</i>	MSWK 5300: <i>wiyasiwew kamik</i> : Indigenous Governance and Ceremony in Practice
MSWK 5603: <i>miyo ohpihkinâwasowin</i> : Indigenous Family Systems	MSWK 5601: <i>mâdawoh kamâtowin</i> : Community Development, Healing and Leadership
MSWK 5414: <i>kiskeyihtamowin/nitawâhtâwin</i> : Indigenous Research Methodologies	MSWK 5510: <i>nîsô kamâkewin</i> : Advanced Counselling Methods: land-based methods and assessment
MSWK 5504: <i>mâdawatiwin</i> : Restorative Justice Practice: circle pedagogy working with groups and communities	MSWK 5603: <i>iyiniw otenahk acimowina</i> : Urban Indigenous People: Stories of Healing in the City
MSWK 5100/5101: <i>kiskinohtahiwew</i> : Wisdom Based Practice: Practicum/Seminar/Capstone (year 1 &2)	MSWK 5600: <i>peyak ohewamak</i> : Wisdom for Global Wellness: Land Stewardship