

THE ISHKODE SAAKAYKATEH INDIGENOUS STUDENT TRANSITION PROGRAM

“The transition program was a great headstart to become familiar with the campus and some fellow students. It was very helpful in easing nerves and it was great having a support group right off the bat!” - ISTP student

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Brandon University’s Indigenous Peoples’ Centre is proud to offer the Ishkode Saakaykateh Indigenous Student Transition Program. When translated to English, Ishkode Saakaykateh means “The Fire is Lit”. In Anishinaabe teachings, we are taught that each person has a fire within them. This fire is sacred and helps to ground people and provide direction around tasks and goals.

“I believe that when students come to Brandon University the program helps light that fire within students and the program helps the fire stay lit.”

-Deidre Gregory - Indigenous Counsellor

Academic supports are offered through tutoring, academic advising, library & research help as well as writing, learning & study skills. Students will also be supported

with their personal well-being through connections with campus and community resources.

From committed staff, mentors, traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders, a wide range of culturally appropriate supports and resources will be provided.

To build relationships and create peer group support, the program offers a one on one check in with the Transition Program Coordinator and monthly group outings.

“I like the weekly check ins. The coordinator is great at listening to my concerns & brings a new perspective in terms of advice and helping me navigate my next step in my academic journey.”

- ISTP Student



ORIENTATION

Students accepted into the Ishkode Saakaykateh Indigenous Student Transition Program will be welcomed to the BU campus by taking part in an orientation at the end of August. Our orientation will not only provide a glimpse into the services offered on campus, but will also include an introduction to the City of Brandon.

"The ISTP is a program I highly recommend enrolling in. It offers opportunities to meet new people and provides support whenever it is needed."

- ISTP Student

WHO CAN APPLY

Métis, Inuit & First Nation applicants who are applying to Brandon University for the first time.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete your Brandon University application. Once you receive your acceptance letter, you are able to apply to the Ishkode Saakaykateh Indigenous Student Transition Program by completing and submitting the online form.



Scan the QR code to view the online form.

brandonu.ca/ipc/indigenous-student-transition-program/apply/



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