

First Nation Child Welfare Advocate Certificate

Anishinabek Educational Institute

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Semester 1

- The History of First Nation Child Welfare
- Canadian Legislation and First Nation Child Welfare
- The Cultural Context of the Helping Relationship
- First Nation Family Systems and Customary Care

Semester 2

- Communications for the FNCWA
- Case Planning and Case Management
- Community Development and First Nation Child Welfare
- Self-Care in the Band Representative Profession

The First Nation Child Welfare Advocate program prepares students for the role of advocate or representative on behalf of a First Nation, child and/or family in relation to child protection matters. Upon completion of the program, students will have developed skills in case/file assessment, report writing, negotiation and advocacy. Students will gain knowledge of the Canadian Child Welfare System, treaty and Aboriginal rights, the Indian Act, First Nations and their organizational political structures, and the Child and Family Services Act (CFSA).

Admission Requirements:

Post-secondary diploma or degree in a human service profession or related field or equivalent.

Employment Opportunities:

Graduates will find work as First Nation Child Welfare Advocates in Aboriginal communities, agencies and Community Support Centers. The First Nation Child Welfare Advocate Ontario College Graduate Certificate program will also provide an opportunity for professionals in the field to gain recognition and validation within their profession.



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