

## Diploma of Social Work Program

### APPLICATION

*Tansi,*

Thank you for your interest in the Diploma of Social Work Program at University nuhelot'jne thiyots'j nistameyimâkanak Blue Quills. This two year educational journey is designed to prepare students for generalist social work practice, committed to addressing issues of social justice and oppression, and founded on Indigenous knowledge and practice along with examination of western concepts and approaches.

This program is built upon the themes: study of self, self as helper, self as change agent, and self as leader. The structure of the program is iterative rather than linear – it progresses in a spiral that adds a little with each thematic repetition rather than building lockstep. The outcomes of this process are social workers intimately connected with the issues of community, vested with vision, grounded in knowledge of selves, and equipped with the resources for social action and advocacy.

#### **THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

The application process is detailed and will require the commitment of a significant amount of your personal time and effort. The completion of each of the components of this admission package is integral to ensuring that your application will be processed in an effective manner.

Applicants are encouraged to submit the following documents **by the funding deadlines set by their sponsor**, although later submission can still be considered for admission.

- ✓ Official High School Transcripts;
- ✓ Official Post-secondary Transcripts, if applicable;
- ✓ Confirmation of English 30 or equivalent course and final mark of at least 65%
- ✓ Confirmation of English Assessment placement at university-entrance level;
- ✓ Verification of 100 hours of volunteer or work experience in human service setting within the previous two years;
- ✓ Current Resume;
- ✓ Personal Statement;
- ✓ Three letters of reference (one should be from the supervisor of your volunteer or work experience)

### PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST

I have:

- Ordered my official high school transcripts from Alberta Education \_\_\_\_\_  
(Order forms may be obtained from the Registrar's office or on-line at:  
<https://education.alberta.ca/transcripts/how-to-order/>  
There is a \$10 fee to process transcripts. Applicants are responsible for  
requesting transcripts and fee payment)
- Ordered my official post-secondary education transcripts from all \_\_\_\_\_  
post-secondary institutions that I have attended
- Completed Accuplacer Testing \_\_\_\_\_  
(Appointment for Testing- contact the Librarian)
- Attached verification of 100 hours of volunteerism or work \_\_\_\_\_  
experience within a human service setting.
- Attached a copy of my current resume. \_\_\_\_\_
- Attached a completed copy of my personal profile. \_\_\_\_\_
- Attached a current Criminal Record Check/ Child Intervention \_\_\_\_\_  
(voluntary)
- Three letters of reference, \_\_\_\_\_  
  
and \_\_\_\_\_
- Personal interview completed with social work faculty. \_\_\_\_\_  
(date and name of faculty \_\_\_\_\_)

Please Note\* **Accuplacer Testing** can only take place after the UnBQ Application Form and Transcripts have been submitted to the Registrar's Department.

\*possession of a criminal record does not restrict applicants from admission to the program. The record will be assessed with respect to the nature of the offense(s), to explore life changes since these events were documented, and to encourage an applicant's commitment to seek pardon on criminal records. A criminal record **may** limit practicum placement and employment opportunities in the field of social work.

If you have any questions about the application procedure, please contact the Registrar at (780) 645-4455 or 1-888-645-4455 or mail to:

Registrar's Office  
University nuhelot'jne thaiyots'j nistameyimâkanak Blue Quills  
Box 279, St. Paul, AB. T0A 3A0

## APPLICATION PACKAGE

### Personal Profile

#### Profile Information:

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

Please answer each of the following questions in paragraph format:  
(double spaced word-processed responses are preferred)

1. Please describe your reasons for pursuing a career in social work.
2. Please describe your reasons for wishing to complete your social work education within a program that possesses an indigenous cultural foundation.
3. Please identify and describe those skills and experiences that you believe indicate your personal suitability to the field of social work.
4. Leading a healthy lifestyle is an essential requirement for successfully participating in a social work education program that is founded upon Indigenous values, knowledge and philosophy. Please describe your plans for ensuring that the following elements of your life will be addressed in a healthy manner throughout the duration of your social work diploma studies.
  - Potential life challenges
  - Family and community commitments
  - Spiritual needs
  - Academic responsibilities
  - Financial considerations
5. In one to two paragraphs please describe your knowledge of Indigenous culture and those social issues that currently face Indigenous peoples in Canada.



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### Application Package – Confirmation of Reference Requests

I have provided the following three individuals with a copy of the Reference Form and they have agreed to send the completed form to the attention of the Registrar at University nuhelot'jine thaiyots'j nistameyimâkanak Blue Quills by mail or fax.

Reference #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Reference # 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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