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nuhelot'ine thaiyots'i nistameyimākanak  
BLUE QUILLS

*iyiniw pimâtisiwin  
kiskeyihtâmwowin*

*Doctoral Program*

Blue Quills is an independent Indigenous institution.



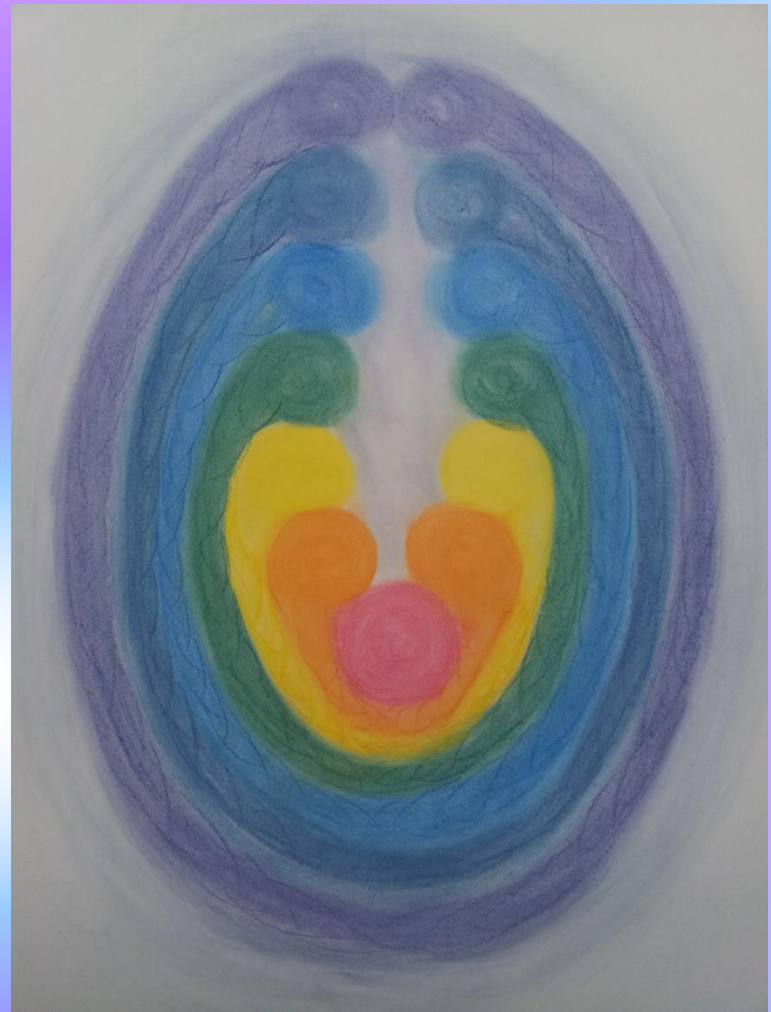
Mandated is to advance & protect indigenous knowledge and thought through education, research, and community service.

*Responsive to community demand, and industry while grounded in natural law, spiritual practice, ceremony, ethics*



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Program  
Development  
is responsible  
to Seven  
Generations



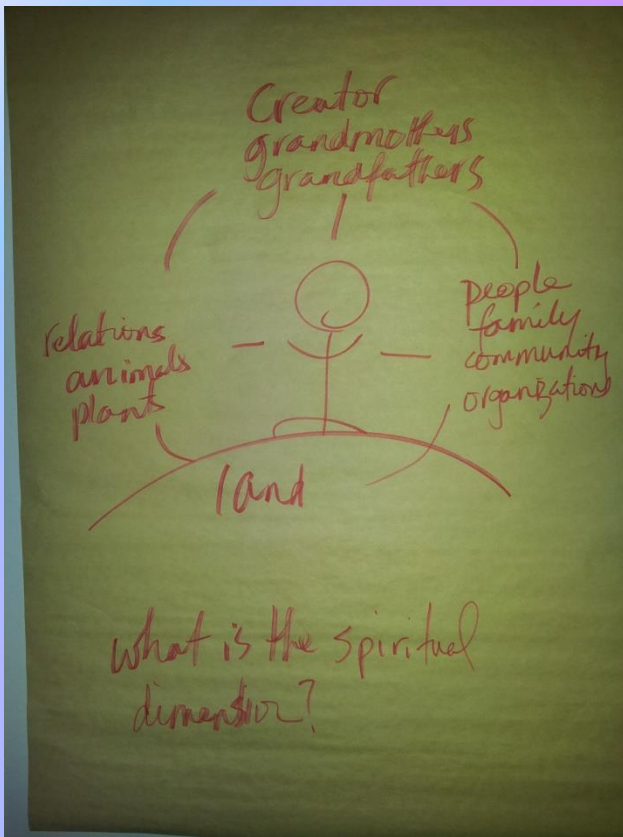
Research is Ceremony  
Teaching is a sacred responsibility

We acknowledge the ceremonial fire at the centre of all we do, we honour our Mother the Earth, and the Natural Laws of Loving Humble Kindness, Honesty, Sharing, and Spiritual Strength and Determination.





We know that to sustain the next generation, we need to live what we know  
**SUSTAINING LIFE**  
– leaving something for the next seven generations.



It is time now to do our own educating our own way, to advance Indigenous Knowledge, Indigenous research careers, and Indigenous Nations.

Our knowledge systems include education, health, economics, technology, wealth distribution, politics, and some of the most sophisticated methods of social structure and practice.





# We Can Do This

- In 1970 our ancestors occupied Blue Quills with the firm conviction that we must direct our own education.
- Blue Quills is the first Indigenous controlled education institution in Canada.





*That courage and vision guide us today,  
remind us that our knowledge will carry  
us.*

*We must trust ourselves, each other, our  
institutions, our knowledges, and  
languages.*

# Doctorate in iyiniw pimâtisiwin kiskeyihtâmowin

Circle of learners, Elders and advisors

- Individualized collaborative programs of study
- Self-directed shared learning
- Grounded in Indigenous languages & knowledges
- Multi-disciplinary program



# Philosophy

When our ancestors speak to us

Our spirits listen as we begin to believe  
in ourselves

Our gifts carry us, we have a purpose,  
a sacred responsibility

We are to protect, preserve, and  
transmit our gift of knowledge to  
the next seven generations

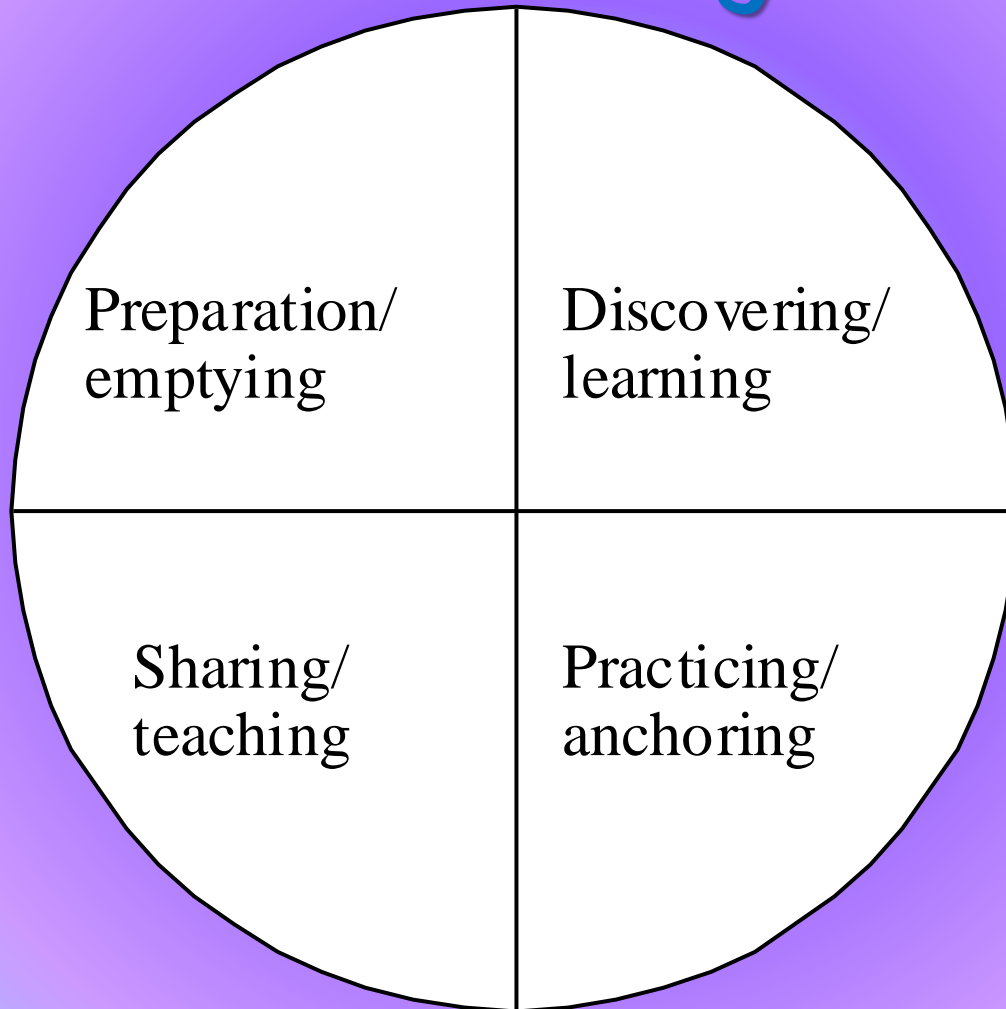




# Philosophy

- Through ceremony, dialogue, study, reflection, music, science, art, dance, storytelling we receive the gift of knowledge
- Our ceremonies show us miyo pimâtisiwin... the ways of; governance, economics, community, relationships...

# A Transformational Learning Journey



# Process

- Participants identify specific outcomes, methods, and resources related to their learning goals in each course.
- Shared research projects are encouraged.
- *LAND, LANGUAGE, CEREMONY, RELATIONSHIPS*



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