



Eyē? Sqâ'lewen:
The Center for Indigenous Education and Community Connections

**INDIGENOUS FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER PROGRAM
IFS 120-Circle and Elder's Teaching 1
Fall 2020**

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Office hours: by appointment

Class time: Monday 1:30 to 2:50 D2L and Zoom

Course Description: This course consists of weekly circle-based discussions and debriefing sessions for program students, staff and faculty. On regular occasions, Indigenous Elders will join the circle to share their wisdom and oral traditions.

Prerequisite(s): Program admission or permission of Chair or Program Leader

Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Respect the circle process as a critical component of the IFS program.
2. Participate regularly in circle discussions.
3. Provide contributions to circle discussions in a manner that contributes to the learning and development of all those involved.
4. Engage with Elders and Knowledge keepers.

Course Content:

- Explore Aboriginal ways of knowing
- Examine strengths within the program content
- Discuss individual journeys
- Experience oral tradition
- Explore the importance of community and land
- Discuss best practice



Evaluation of Learning:

1. Participation: Attendance, sharing of experiences, active participation in-group work, cooperation and supporting others. Participation in a weekly talking circle. (14 sessions worth 5% each) 70%

2. Three personal reflections of your choice, on any of the topics covered in circle (3x10%). 30%

5. Grading System

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D		1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

Course Content and Schedule

Session One Sept, 7th	Labour Day On Classes
Session Two Sept, 14th	Icebreaker: Getting to know one another Creating a positive and safe learning environment online Creating Circle Guidelines Discussion about elders coming to our classroom Protocols and teachings
Session Three Sept, 21st	Residential School Discussion with Elder Victor Underwood My media interview with Victor
Session Four Sept, 28	Orange Shirt Day Gust Speakers: Eddy Charlie and Kirstin Spray Zoom call with Eddy and Kirstin See Link to Orange Shirt Day history
Session Five Oct, 5	Check in and sharing circle 1 st Elder Reflection Due Theme Residential Schools and it's impact on the work that we will do.
Session Six Oct, 12th	Thanksgiving Day College is Closed
Session Seven Oct 19th	Skip Dick My media Lekwungen: Place to Smoke Herring on Vimeo https://vimeo.com See overview of the week and learning outcomes
Session Eight Oct 26th	Check in circle How are we doing in circle format
Session Nine Nov, 2nd	May Sam Cowichan Knitting View my media video and interview with May and see overview of the week and learning outcomes.
Session Ten Nov, 9th	Check in How are we doing in circle format Elder Reflection 2 Due
Session Eleven Nov, 16th	Earl Claxton and John Bradley Williams View my media with interview and see overview of the learning outcomes
Session Twelve Nov, 23rd	Check in circle How are we doing in circle format

Session Thirteen Nov 30th	Bertha and Joe Landry Metis History View my media and see overview of learning outcomes
Dec 7	Last class Integration Day: What have we learned? All reflection papers due today

