

The Courses

TERM 1

CFC 120	Lifespan Development 1
IFS 100	Exploring Indigeneity
IFS 110	Self, Family & Community
IFS 120	Circle and Elder's Teaching 1
IFS 140	Introduction to Practice
PSYC 154	Interpersonal Relations

TERM 2

ENGL 175	Professional Writing for Community Services
IST 117	Indigenous Studies in Canada 2
IFS 121	Circle and Elder's Teaching 2
IFS 141	Self in Practice
PSYC 256	Introduction to Counselling

TERM 3

IFS 142*	Professional Practice
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** Community organizations and facilities require students to complete criminal record checks before they begin practicum placements.*



About Camosun

Camosun College is a great place to learn! Located in beautiful Victoria, British Columbia, Camosun has served tens of thousands of students for over 40 years.

- Friendly atmosphere, beautiful surroundings
- Smaller class sizes
- More affordable tuition
- Dedicated instructors with real-world experience
- Student-centred support services
- More than 160 certificate, diploma and degree programs
- Two campuses with 20,000 full-time, part-time and online learners
- Close to 1,000 Aboriginal students from 50 Nations including Métis and Inuit
- 700 international students from all over the world
- Part of the Vancouver Island community since 1971

**You're welcome at Camosun –
Canada's college of life-changing learning!**

Questions?

Visit camosun.ca for the most up-to-date info.

Enrolment Services

250-370-3550
Toll-free: 1-877-554-7555
camosun.ca/askus

International students, please contact

250-370-3681
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Indigenous Family Support



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The Details

Certificate in Indigenous Family Support

The Indigenous Family Support (IFS) program provides students of Aboriginal* ancestry with opportunities to develop knowledge, skills, awareness and values you'll need to support the development of healthy Aboriginal individuals and families. The IFS program promotes awareness of Aboriginal history and culture while providing opportunities for you to reflect and develop self-awareness and pride as an Aboriginal person.

** Camosun considers any student who is a descendant of the Indigenous peoples of North America to be an Aboriginal student. This includes status and non-status Indians, Métis, Inuit and Native Americans living in Canada.*

As a Graduate

The IFS certificate leads to a number of exciting opportunities. Graduates work as members of support teams, under the direction and supervision of experienced professionals. You may find employment in health, education and human service settings like Native Friendship Centres, Child and Family Service organizations and public or tribal schools. If you decide to continue your education, the IFS certificate offers transfer credit towards the second year of Camosun's Diploma in Community, Family and Child Studies. Graduates also earn transfer credit to some degree programs like Child and Youth Care or Social Work.

"Being a role model for men has inspired me to strive to become a role model for all First Nations people." - Ian

When Can You Start?

Our 10-month full-time Indigenous Family Support program starts in September, and takes place at Lansdowne campus and a community partnership site. You can also take the program on a part-time basis.

Cost and Assistance

The average tuition cost for the full-time program, including student fees, is \$3,900. However, fees are updated yearly. Please check the website at "camosun.ca/learn/programs/ifs/ifs-fees" for up-to-date fee information.

Contact staff in the Aboriginal Education office or Financial Aid & Awards for information about applying for a variety of funding opportunities, including non-repayable grants and bursaries. camosun.ca/financialaid

Next Steps

For more information about the Indigenous Family Support program, contact Aboriginal Education & Community Connections at 250-370-3180 or email hsinfo@camosun.bc.ca.

How to Apply

You can apply to Camosun College at any time. Visit camosun.ca/apply for instructions, or pick up an application from Enrolment Services at either campus.

We recommend you attend a program information session before you apply. camosun.ca/infosessions

When you apply, you'll need:

- to be of Aboriginal ancestry – please meet with an Aboriginal Advisor to discuss this requirement; and,
- proof of "C+" in English 12, or its equivalent.*

** Camosun College offers equivalent courses for program prerequisites. camosun.ca/prereq-help*

Note: A TB skin test and vaccinations for Hepatitis B and flu are highly recommended. These are available at local health clinics or through a physician. Standard First Aid with CPR Level C is also recommended.

As a program participation requirement, students must have a Criminal Record Check (CRC) "Clearance Letter" from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Once a student is in the program, the college will send information about how to obtain the appropriate CRC. Any CRC done outside the college will NOT be accepted.

Upon entry to the program you should have basic computer literacy skills, including experience with keyboarding, basic Internet search and email skills.

Missing the admission requirements? We can help.

Call Enrolment Services for more details: 250-370-3550 or 1-877-554-7555.



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