

Recruitment

Recruitment and interviewing are on-going for each of our programs.

Partners

At RIEL Institute we recognize the contributions made by our community practicum and work experience partners, and our various funders without whom our students would not gain the valuable training and practical experience which leads to employment or further education.

Funding

Funding may be provided to qualified applicants. Funding is provided through Bands, Metis Settlements, Government of Alberta.

Program funding is provided by Government of Canada, Public Health Agency of Canada, Employment and Social Development Canada, Indigenous & Northern Affairs Canada, Heritage Canada.

Canada 

Alberta 

Background

The RIEL Institute for Education & Learning is a non-profit society that was formed in March of 2000 in cooperation and collaboration with the Indigenous Community to accommodate the delivery of employment and training.

Through our commitment to excellence in Indigenous education, we strive to create an environment whereby all Indigenous people have the opportunity to access education and training in order to enhance their lives. We strive to ensure that our students become confident and are capable of shaping their future and meeting the challenges of today and tomorrow.

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*“Indigenous People
Helping
Indigenous People”*

Indigenous People Delivering Services to Our Own People

Through respect, commitment, and collaborations with the Indigenous community we have created effective and efficient programs. Our programs that are delivered in a relevant, supportive, and culturally sensitive manner have proven to be very successful. As we progress and build on good practices, we continue to offer appropriate, current, and relevant programs.

As our Indigenous population increases, so too does the need for credible training programs with a sensitivity to Indigenous cultural and spiritual needs. Life Enhancement, Cultural Awareness, and Indigenous Studies are an integral part of all our programs. Elder involvement is critical to our outcomes; we rely heavily on the practice of Elder counselling. In our programs, individual student needs are given special attention. Enhancing the delivery process and overcoming barriers, our programs result in a high level of retention and success.

We envision a time when Indigenous people will enjoy a sense of belonging in our society. We believe the way to achieve this goal is through education. We will know we are continuing to achieve our mission, if the economic viability of our Indigenous learners demonstrates continual improvement, if our students are motivated and confident in their ability to learn, and if there is an eagerness to attend classes and proudness to achieve at the highest possible level

Indigenous Youth Connections

The Youth Connections program combines the soft skills of personal growth with the core skills required to achieve success in employment and in the classroom. The program will focus on:

- Life Enhancement
- Personal Growth
- Skills for Success
- Literacy
- Employability skills
- Indigenous Studies
- Cultural Awareness

Based on the medicine wheel, the program will encompass mental, spiritual, physical, and emotional needs to build a healthy life.

Aboriginal Head Start Program

Fostering the Holistic Growth of our Children Socially, Physically, Emotionally, Intellectually, and Culturally. This structured half-day preschool program designed for 3 – 5-year-old Indigenous Children focuses on:

- Indigenous Culture & Language
- Education & School Readiness
- Health Promotion
- Nutrition
- Social Support
- Parent & Family Involvement

This program aims to provide Indigenous children with a positive sense of themselves, a desire for learning, and opportunities to develop fully as successful young people.

Aboriginal Family & Youth Support

Aboriginal Family & Youth Support Training Program is a certificate program that prepares students for an entry level position in the human services field. This 9-month program consists of 6 months of classroom instruction and a 320-hour practicum. The classroom portion consists of courses in:

- Communications in Counseling
- Intro to Human Services
- Rural & Northern Studies
- Family Violence
- Addictions
- Codependency
- Theories, Methods, & Models
- Life Enhancement
- Indigenous Studies
- Teachings of the Elders
- Ethics

Workshops & Certificates

- First Aid
- ASIST
- Crisis Intervention Training
- Sharing Circles/Holistic Wellness
- Emotional IQ
- Trauma Informed Care
- Clinical Notes & Observations

Volunteerism, Community Involvement, and Cultural Fieldtrips are included.

Elder Teachings

Our on-staff Elder and helpers provide services to all students at RIEL. Elder support is critical to the success of our students.