

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Bachelor of Arts, Community Development

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The Bachelor of Arts in Community Development [BACD] offered by NAIITS: An Indigenous Learning Community, in partnership with Providence University College is primarily designed to prepare the student for effective work in Indigenous communities, honouring the values, traditions, and strengths inherent within each community. The student who chooses this program is seeking knowledge and skills which will contribute to improving the spiritual, social, material, emotional, political and economic welfare of Indigenous people and the structures that support them. The BACD program:

- Focuses on the concept of a mutual learning exchange between cultures within and beyond North America;
- Is multidisciplinary, striving to develop each co-learner's heart and mind through the disciplines of Biblical studies, theology (including emerging theologies), social theories, anthropology, missiology, church history, contextualized leadership, and spiritual formation;
- Is holistic in scope, seeking to create opportunities for co-learners to gain both knowledge and experience appropriate for the 21st century;
- Maintains, as the heart of both Providence and NAIITS mission, the study of the Bible as the core of each academic program.

The Curriculum Philosophy

Providence University College and NAIITS have pursued a relationship with one another as a means of supporting the education of Indigenous peoples in the area of theological education and development. After years of work and planning by Native leaders experienced in community development, theology, and mission; NAIITS has produced an adult-focused methodology that allows NAIITS, together with Providence, to more effectively serve Indigenous North Americans and other Indigenous peoples admitted to the program.

The BACD program is primarily geared to and targeted toward an Indigenous North American student population and those working, or expecting to work, within Indigenous communities. However, students from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply. If you desire an education filled with non-Western constructs and learning experiences, this program may be right for you. Admission to the program for all students is determined on a case-by-case basis.

Program Objectives

The BACD program is designed in such a way that students enrolled in the program:

- Mature into God's fullness
- Develop habits and authentic disciplines for thinking and living in Christ's presence
- Gain a critical and constructive understanding of the anthropological, missiological, spiritual, biblical and theological foundations of the Faith
- Understand the mission of Creator in the world and one's place in it
- Understand Self and relate more effectively to others created in God's image and called into diverse community and ministry
- Function as leaders, who are being transformed, and are therefore healthy and effective instruments of transformation.

BACD Delivery

Formal campus residency is not required for this program. The degree is offered in a flexible cohort group experience with a hybrid education format of online and face-to-face learning. Cohort students come to an approved site (held each year in conjunction with the NAIITS Symposium) for a two to three week face-to-face intensive in the summer, with online courses in the fall and spring over a period of three years. A learning community is created for the transfer of information, exchange of ideas, critical-thinking development through discussions and papers posted and read online, and acquired wisdom through sharing professional experiences.

Application Checklist

Completed Paper Application:

Pictures of Applicant (2)

Admission Essay Answers

Non-refundable Application Fee

Domestic Applications - \$50.00 CDN

Note: to qualify as a domestic applicant you must be a Canadian citizen, Canadian Permanent resident or US Citizen

International Applications - \$150 CDN

Additional items needed to complete your application:

Medical Form

References (3)

Supervisor/Professional Reference

Personal Reference

Tribal/Community Reference

Reference forms need to be completed and signed by your chosen referee. Forms should be mailed to NAIITS or included in your application package in separate envelopes with the referee signature on the sealed flap.

School Transcripts

High School Transcripts

Post-Secondary Transcripts

Forms may be scanned and sent to:

admissions@naiits.com

Or, mailed to:

NAIITS Admissions

PO Box 181

Carlisle, ON L0R 1H0

Canada

Once received, processed and the student is accepted, a copy will be forwarded to the admissions office of Providence University College for entry into the student records system.

Notes:

1. In addition to the stated enrolment target of Indigenous students and those working, or seeking to work within Indigenous contexts, NAIITS /PROVIDENCE reserves the right to select students on the basis of academic performance and professional qualifications.
2. In general it is the policy of both NAIITS and PROVIDENCE in the admission of students not to discriminate on the basis of race, colour, sex, nationality or ethnic origin. However, as a means of providing a focused effort to address the lack of Indigenous peoples in this field, NAIITS /PROVIDENCE reserves the right to limit applicants of non-Native North American and other Indigenous descent.
3. All questions must be answered, with the exception of those marked "optional."
4. An interview will be required of applicants as part of the admission process.
5. Application materials become the property of NAIITS and Providence University College and are not returned and will not be transferred to another institution.

Application for Admission

Bachelor of Arts, Community Development

Date of Application: _____
 Anticipated Entrance Term: ___ Fall ___ Spring ___ Summer Year: _____

Office Use
 ID# _____
 Date _____
 TD Paid Date _____

I. Personal Information (please print clearly in black pen)

Full Legal Name _____

Preferred Name _____

Other names used that may appear on transcript _____

Address _____

City _____ Prov/State _____

Postal Code / ZIP _____

E-mail address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Fax _____

Other (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter) _____

Weblog _____

Tribal Origin: _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Birthplace _____ dd / mm / yyyy

Country of Citizenship _____ Residency: CDN___ US___ BOTH___

PLEASE NOTE: If you are **NOT** a citizen of Canada, please complete the following indicating your status in Canada (check one):

Will apply for study permit Permanent Resident /Landed Immigrant Other Canadian Immigration Status: _____

Social Ins./Sec. number* _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes___ /No ___ If yes, please explain... _____

Optional Information

Male ___ / Female ___ Marital status: Single ___ / Married ___

- *If you provide your Social Insurance/Security number, NAIITS/PROVIDENCE uses it for keeping records, doing research, and reporting. NAIITS/PROVIDENCE does not use your number to make any decision directly affecting you or any other person. Your Social Insurance/Security number is not given to the general public. If you choose not to provide your Social Insurance/Security number, you are not denied any rights as a student. Providing your Social Insurance/Security number means that you consent to the use of the number in the manner described.*

II. Other Information

Family Information: (OPTIONAL)

Father's Name: _____ Prov Alumni? Yes No
First Name Last Name Year: _____

Mother's Name & Maiden Name: _____ Prov Alumni? Yes No
First Name Last Name Year: _____

Emergency Contact Information (if different than above):

Name: _____ Relation to You: _____ Telephone: _____

Medical Information

In which Canadian province do you have medical insurance / coverage? _____

Policy Number: _____

Note: *International students (U.S. students included) are required to have health coverage when they are in Canada.*

How did you hear about the NAIITS program?

(Optional) Which other universities or colleges are you applying to? _____

III. Ministry Experience

Are you a follower of Jesus: Yes No Unsure

If you have membership with a church or attend one regularly, please provide:

Name: _____ Denomination: _____

Previous ministry experience

1. Role _____	2. Role _____	3. Role _____
Location _____	Location _____	Location _____
Dates _____	Dates _____	Dates _____

IV. Education

Please list, in chronological order, all colleges and postsecondary institutions attended. For initial assessment of the applicant, NAIITS only requires copies of student transcripts. However, when requested, the applicant is responsible to see that one official transcript is sent to the NAIITS admissions office.

Secondary: _____ Dates: _____ to _____

Graduation Date: _____

High School Course Information (For all applicants currently in High School):

Please list all grade 12 courses that you have completed or you will be completing by the end of the academic year.

Course Code	Course Title	Level	Date Completed
		(ON students indicate U, M, O, C, etc.)	(or anticipated date)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

Post-Secondary Information:

Institution _____ Dates _____ to _____

Major _____ Degree _____

Institution _____ Dates _____ to _____

Major _____ Degree _____

Institution _____ Dates _____ to _____

Major _____ Degree _____

V. Financial

How do you plan on to finance your education?

Personal Savings Student Loans Scholarships/Bursaries Agency Support

Do you plan to file an application for financial aid with your band or tribal education authority?

Yes ___ No ___

Are you a veteran? Yes ___ / No ___

VI. References

One professional, one tribal or community, and one personal reference required.

Professional _____

Address _____ City _____

Prov/State _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Tribal or Community Member _____

Address _____ City _____

Prov/State _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Personal _____
Address _____ City _____
Prov/State _____ Postal Code _____
Phone _____ Email _____

VII. Four Self-assessment Essays

1. Your interest in attending a degree program offered in this unique partnership is significant. Why is this important to you?
2. In 300-500 words, relate your spiritual pilgrimage, assessing strengths and weaknesses.
3. In 250-500 words, describe why you are pursuing an undergraduate degree and what you hope to gain. Do you have career goals, and if so what role will your education at NAIITS/PROVIDENCE play in them?
4. Mutual respect and responsibility are the foundation of our Statement of Faith and Covenant of Community Life. Tell us what the covenant means to you, and how you see yourself living and interacting with others in the program.

Statement of Faith

We believe that Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of change. He comes as the living Word of our Creator to give life where tragedy and death once existed – to transform the entirety of creation, restoring it to the plan and intent of the Creator. He is Good News and the essence of the Gospel. The Spirit and the Word are given so as to transform us for God’s purposes. Allowing the Spirit of God to hold us true to the living and written Word will permit us to understand and discern more fully the meaning and value of our traditions and history.

The Gospel has the power to transform life, even as it sets us on the path toward the fullness of the re-creation. Only the Gospel can revitalize confused lives, those who have lost their culture and traditions, their identity and their pride. This Good News is what we are called to carry to others.

NAIITS: An Indigenous Learning Community is a mission of Indigenous followers of Jesus which upholds the formational articles of faith that:

The Nature of God. We believe in one eternal Creator, the source and fulfilment of life, who exists as three persons in one: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In love and joy, our Creator makes and sustains the universe, including humanity, male and female, made in the Creator’s image.

Creator: the Father. We believe in God the Father Almighty, whose love is the foundation of salvation, restoration and righteous judgment, and who calls us into covenant relationship with God and with one another.

Creator: the Son. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, fully God and fully human. He came to show us our Creator and live among us as a perfect human being; through his life, death, and resurrection, to reconcile us to our Creator, to one another, and to the rest of creation. He is now actively present with us as Saviour, Teacher, Lord, Healer, and Friend.

Creator: the Holy Spirit. We believe in the Holy Spirit of the Creator, who breathed the Creator’s message into the prophets and apostles, opens our eyes to Truth in Jesus Christ, empowers us for holy living, and carries on in us the work of salvation and restoration.

Salvation. We believe that full restoration to the plan, intent and desire of the Creator comes through Jesus the Christ alone, to whom we must respond with repentance, faith, and obedience. Through Jesus our sins are forgiven, and we are enabled to come into a right relationship with God, with others in the human community, and with the rest of creation; we receive eternal life.

The Bible. We believe that God inspired the Bible and has given it to us as the uniquely authoritative, written guide for living and thinking as followers of the Jesus Way. As illumined by the Holy Spirit, the Scriptures are true and reliable. They point us to God, guide our lives, and nurture us toward spiritual maturity.

Following Jesus. We believe that our Creator has called us to be and to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to be the Creator’s agents of love and reconciliation in the world. In keeping with the teaching of Jesus, we seek peace and justice in human relationships and in the social structures of our world.

The Church. We believe in the Church as the people of God, composed of all who believe in Jesus Christ, who support and equip each other through worship, teaching, and accountability, who model God’s loving community, and who proclaim the Gospel to the world.

Worship. We believe Jesus the Christ is present as we gather in his name, seeking to worship in spirit and in truth. All believers are joined in the one body of Christ, are baptized by the one Spirit, and live in Jesus’ abiding presence. Baptism and communion are dynamic spiritual realities, and, as Jesus’ followers from many traditions of Christian faith, we celebrate these in different ways.

The Future. We believe in the personal return of Jesus Christ, in the resurrection of the dead, in God's judgment of all persons with perfect justice and mercy, and in eternity where the Creator who is the essence of mercy and righteousness delivers reward and punishment justly. Ultimately, Christ's kingdom will be victorious over all evil, and the faithful will reign with him in eternal life.



Covenant of Community Life

Understanding that Jesus Christ is sovereign over every aspect of corporate and individual life, that our Creator's will is revealed in part, in Holy Scripture, that the Holy Spirit interprets such to the church and empowers its members to live accordingly, and that everything we have comes from God, we do covenant:

- To practice a vital and vibrant life of individual and corporate worship of the one true Creator of all;
- To pursue moral excellence in every aspect of our life and relationships;
- To steward our time, talent, treasure, body, and the environment to the glory of the Creator who made us in the same image;
- To exemplify the gospel of grace by upholding the dignity of, showing respect to, and serving all people regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or culture;
- To maintain a living and verbal witness to the grace of God;
- To practice love, grace, truth, and generosity, and eschew offensive, manipulative, harmful, and deceptive behaviour;
- To sacrifice our own selves for the good of the community and for the sake of the gospel; and,
- When we sin, to seek forgiveness, to forgive, and to be reconciled to one another and with God through Jesus Christ.

Epilogue

This Covenant of Community Life states the general principles by which NAIITS and the Providence Community (employees, Board of Governors and students) agrees to live. The Cabinet and Senate of Providence University College and Seminary reserve the right to establish policies and procedures at any time that uphold the Covenant and allow for the orderly and efficient administration of the institution. Such policies and procedures are set forth in the various handbooks (Student, Employee, Board of Governors).

When someone is hired as an employee, enrolls as a student, or is elected to the Board of Governors, they agree to live according to the Providence Covenant of Community Life for the duration of said engagement. They understand that the institution reserves the right to impose disciplinary actions in the case of failure to uphold either the Covenant of Community Life or the general institutional policies and procedures as set forth in the Providence University College and Seminary websites, and the various handbooks (Student, Employee, Board of Governors).

Applicant's Affirmation

I authorize investigation of all information provided during the application process. References provided by me may give NAIITS/PROVIDENCE any and all information requested, as well as any pertinent information they may have, personal or otherwise. I release from all liability or responsibility NAIITS/PROVIDENCE, its agents, partners in education and all people, companies, or corporations providing information to the institute about me. My signature also attests that I differ in no significant way in my understanding, actions or life-ways with the statement of faith of NAIITS/PROVIDENCE on page 7, the Covenant of Community Life above and that the information provided in the 8 pages of the application, including this signature page, is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____

Date _____

Professional Reference Form

This form is to be filled out by a pastor, bishop or other person who exercises professional oversight. A member of your immediate family should not complete it.

Section A: To be completed by applicant

Applicant's Name _____

Students have the right to inspect and review their educational records; students may waive their right to see specific confidential letters or recommendations. In the belief that applicants and the people from whom they request evaluations may wish to preserve the confidentiality of those evaluations, we are giving you an opportunity to sign one of the following statements:

1. I waive my right to examine this form.

Signature

Date

2. I do not waive my right to examine this form, and I authorize the person completing this form to provide a candid evaluation.

Signature

Date

Section B: To be completed by reference (use additional sheets as required)

1. How long have you known the applicant? How well? In what capacity?

2. To what extent have you observed the applicant engaged in their ministry setting? What is their ministry?

3. Please comment on the following aspects of the applicant's ministry, if known to you: (a)
concern for others, (b) interpersonal skills, (c) vision and goals, (d) creativity, and (e) effectiveness.

4. Do you have any reservations in recommending this individual for a Graduate Studies program? Why or why not?

Tribal or Community Reference Form

This form is to be filled out by a tribal authority, band council member or an adult in your community. A member of your immediate family should not complete it.

Section A: To be completed by applicant

Applicant's Name _____

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Date

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Signature

Date

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Personal Reference Form

This form is to be filled out by a personal acquaintance. A member of your immediate family should not complete it.

Section A: To be completed by applicant

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