











2024

### AFN Language & Learning Forum



## tatawaw- Welcome



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## ohcīwin - Origin

In the Spring of 1976, SICC came into being. SICC standing for Saskatchewan Indian Community College. (Original name of SIIT). There were six board of directors, none of us were educators but we had an idea that we would have a really good institution here and the thought was always that we would keep this place and gradually grow it.

One of the best things that ever happened in Indian country is getting this institution. Ours, our very own education institution. Run by a board of governors that are all Treaty. I am very grateful that it turned out the way it did. Hopefully it carries on.

> Senator George PeeAce Yellowquill Saulteaux First Nation

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# Mission

Founded by the Chiefs of Saskatchewan, rooted in community, we create and nurture a culturally grounded space with market-relevant programs and higher education opportunities to develop a strong and resilient First Nation workforce.



#### Need a photo – historical and current



# Values

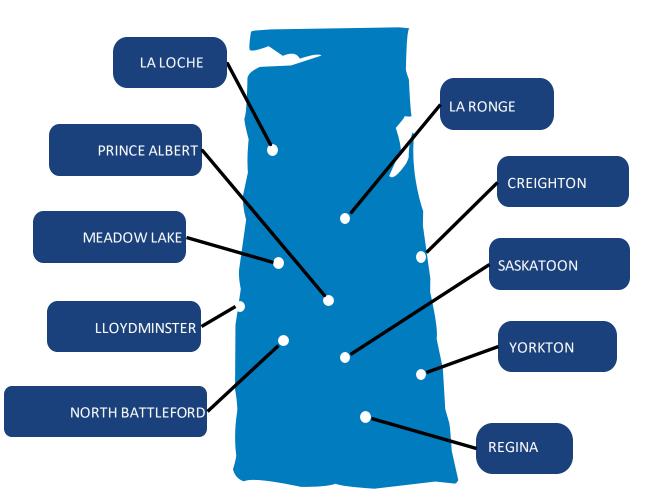
BALANCE Promoting wellbeing and harmony – spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically HONOUR Acting and leading with humility, honesty, and integrity KINSHIP Strengthening relationships with each other, communities, partners, the land, the people, and creation

VISION Leading change through courage, innovation, and creativity

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- 3 MAIN CAMPUSES
- 10 CAREER CENTRES
- 2 MOBILE JOB UNITS
- 35+ IN-COMMUNITY DELIVERIES
- 5+ TRADE SITES







#### Saskatchewan Indian Training Assessment Group, Inc. (SITAG)



- 36 First Nation Employment agencies across the province, divided into geographic service areas
  - 22 Independent First Nations
  - 15Tribal Council & Urban
- Serving all Canadian First Nation people in SK
- Grassroots development approach-Governed by the SITAG board of directors

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## **PROGRAM AREAS**

#### Adult Basic Education

**Business & Technology** 



#### Health & Community



#### **Trades & Industrial**













## **SUPPORT SERVICES**

#### ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS, LEARNING SPECIALISTS, AND STUDENT SUPPORT COACHES
- CULTURAL SUPPORT
  - ELDERS & KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS
  - CULTURAL EVENTS & COORDINATORS
- FINANCIAL SUPPORT
  - STUDENT AWARDS PROGRAM
  - EMPOWERMENT BURSARIES
- FOOD SECURITY
  - FOOD HAMPERS, BREAKFAST & AND LUNCH PROGRAMS
- MENTAL HEALTH & EMOTIONAL SUPPORT
  - STUDENT COUNSELLORS
  - SUCCESS COACHES
- TRANSPORTATION
  - BUS PASSES





# Mission

- SIIT Career Centres, JobConnections & JobSeries help prepare job seekers with foundation & labour ready skills required to be successful productive employees
- Knowing what drives our job-seeking clients and the needs of our employer partners is the key to a successful employer/employee match



### DASHBOARD

2022 - 2023



#### 95% INDIGENOUS

- 89.1% First Nations
- 5.4% Metis



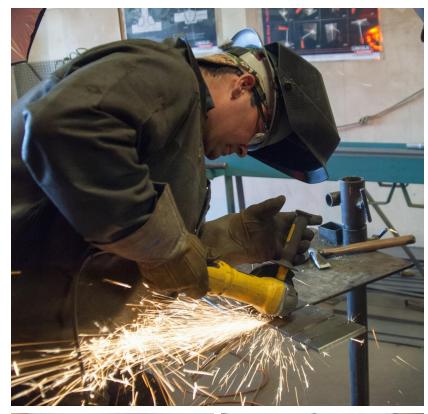
#### 147 PROGRAMS

- 65% Urban
- 33% Rural
- 2% Online



#### \$315K STUDENT AWARDS

• Varying amounts





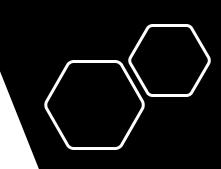








Artist Credit: Caroline Echeverria



# **Adult Basic Education**

Program Coordinators:

-Jody Nolin

#### - Kyla Morin

- Mavis Whitefish-Dreaver

Program Officer: Corina Poochay

Dean: Arliss Coulineur

Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT)





# 2022-2023 Highlights

- Responsive programs and services linked to market demand:
  - SGI will have 9 successful graduates Learner's Program
  - Entrance Assessment in first full year of use.
  - Regina programs partnered with Post Secondary Department to introduce students to Post Sec. programming.
  - Kiosk for Adult 10- Entrepreneurship; Trading Post business presentations; food cart.
  - Land Based Programming- Language, Cultural, Traditional La Ronge and Red Pheasant.
  - Stanley Mission cultural teachings (snowshoes).
  - ABE Instructor 2 Day- P.D. (Spring )- Land Based Theme
  - Summer Camp Programming- Waterhen First Nation.



### Who are our learners?













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# POST-SECONDARY STUDIES, ACADEMICS

From Truth to Reconciliation Train the Trainer ECE Land Based Camps

#### FROM TRUTH TO RECONCILIATION: TRAIN THE TRAINER



This training continues to be offered both internally and externally within the Post-Secondary Studies programs and the ECE program

There were only 4 seasoned trainers and the need was filled to add additional trainers with increased demand for the training

Train the Trainer took place April 4-8, 2022

10 participants: 5 SIIT employees, 5 external participants

There were 9 grads who are still active trainers





# LAND BASED CAMPS



### **Trades and Industrial**

Building Pathways and Reducing Barriers

- Increases access to education and employment opportunities
- Supports Indigenous business and communities



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# **Essential Skills**

Essential skills components are built into all T&I pre-employment programs:

- Math
- Communications
- Personal Development
- Thinking Skills

Fills skills and knowledge gaps that are the "critical path" to success:

- Educational goals
- Career objectives
- Entrepreneurial aspirations







# Microcredentials

Micro-credentials designed to upskill:

- Increase accessibility to specific occupations
- Educational opportunities
- Career advancement
- Build occupational capacity in First Nations Communities



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October 31, 2022 to Ja



#### Prep Programs

- Remove entry barriers for Indigenous youth and increase successes in technical programming:
  - Aircraft Maintenance Engineer
  - Power Engineer
- Upskilling to ensure solid foundations in pre-requisite concepts and meets program entry requirements
- Ensures well rounded with soft-skills and study skills







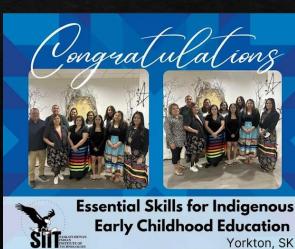
# Indigenous Early Childhood Education

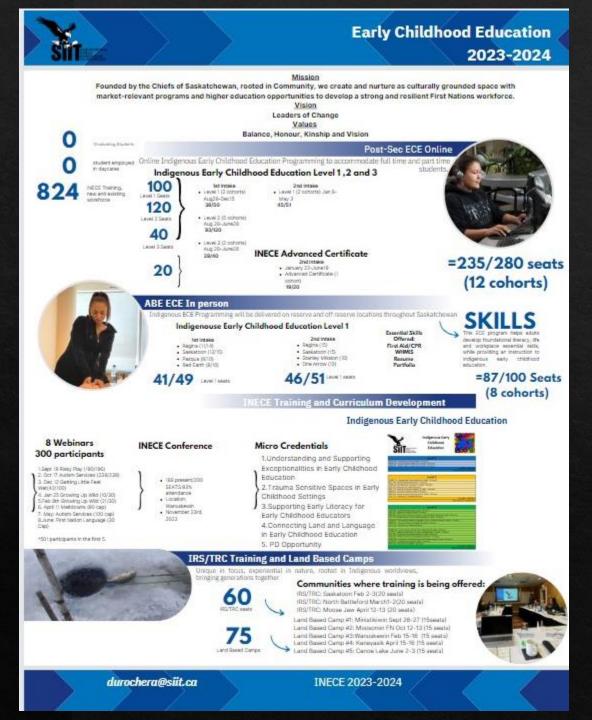
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# INECE Highlights:

- ♦ 78 Graduates
- Accommodating Deliveries: Online, PLAR, Regional Delivers, Community Deliveries.
- Program Advisory Committee
- First Nation University Partnership a success
- Curriculum Development: First Indigenous Early Childhood Certificate program being developed.
- ♦ Webinars and Videos
- Vision and Mission Statement
- ♦ Land based Camps as well as IRS/TRC Training







# **Innovation Initiatives**

#### Virtual Reality- Language content & cultural development.

Photo credits- Georgian College









Language in the Natural Environment





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#### Entrepreneurship

The thoughts I had while making my orange shirt design were ones of togetherness and harmony. While the experiences the children we lost are traumatic and sad, we can feel some relief that they are at peace. The triangle that the two children are standing in is pointing up, meaning they are with the creator. They are standing in a teepee, meaning they are home and they are safe and loved. They have spirit animals of horses and eagles guiding them and keeping them from getting lost on their journey. The feathers are there to represent that they are healing and pursuing a spiritual path.

- Jarrod Cappo

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## **Testimonials**

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