



INDIGENOUS PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING INSTITUTES - APPLICATION GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

Thank you so much for your interest in the Indigenous Public Health Program. This is a unique credit/noncredit program at UBC aimed to equip Indigenous community members and scholars with the necessary skills to address public health issues in Indigenous communities.

Applications to the Indigenous Public Health (IPH) Training Institutes are adjudicated by the Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Health.

Information about the program can be found here:

<https://health.indigenous.ubc.ca/home-page/programs/iph/>

Applications for the IPH are done Online via UBC Qualtrics, links and deadlines can be found here:

<https://health.indigenous.ubc.ca/home-page/programs/iph/iph-apply/>

If you have any questions or concerns in regards to the application, please do not hesitate to email:

Ceih.iph@ubc.ca

APPLYING TO CREDIT or NON-CREDIT

There are different application links for the Credit and Non-Credit options of the IPH Training Institute courses.

- The Credit option is intended for students who meet entry requirements and wish to complete the entire Graduate Certificate program over 2-6 years.
- The Non-Credit option is intended for those who wish to take one or more courses for professional development. Non-Credit is not the same as Audit.
- Both Credit and Non-Credit courses can be applied toward earning a credential, either the Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Public Health (12 credits) or the Certificate in Indigenous Public Health (NonCredit).
- All course content and participation are identical, except for the requirement for credit students to submit a final assignment two weeks after the IPH Training Institute ends.



To obtain a Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Public Health (12 credits):

Students are required to complete the certificate on a part-time basis over two to a maximum of four years, attending a total of four institutes and completing eight mandatory 1.5 credit courses:

SPPH 576 (1.5): Introduction to Indigenous Health Research Ethics

SPPH 577 (1.5): Environmental Health and Indigenous Communities

SPPH 578 (1.5): Social Determinants of Indigenous Health

SPPH 579 (1.5): Collecting, Analyzing and Using Public Health Data in Indigenous Communities

SPPH 586 (1.5): Indigenous Health Policy in Canada

SPPH 587 (1.5): Mental Health Care and Delivery in Indigenous Communities

SPPH 588 (1.5): Introduction to Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods in Indigenous Health Research

SPPH 589 (1.5): Interdisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Health of Indigenous Peoples

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Students applying to attend an IPH Training Institute will be required to submit a personal statement, official transcripts (if applicable) and a current resume through the application link. Admissions will occur in both the Winter and Summer Institutes.

Non-Credit Admissions Criteria

- Completed a minimum of 60 credits of undergraduate course work; OR have at least two years' work experience in a public health setting or related health-field.
- Completion of High School or equivalency.

Graduate Credit Admissions Criteria

Admission to the Graduate Certificate courses in Indigenous Public Health will be granted to students through standard and equivalency pathways:

Standard

Candidates will normally have a Bachelor's degree in a field of study relevant to Indigenous health with one of the following:

- A minimum overall average in the B+ range in third and fourth year level courses.
- Academic standing with at least 12 credits on third or fourth year level courses in the A range in their field of study.

Equivalency

Equivalency admissions into the Indigenous Public Health Institutes will be considered for candidates who have demonstrated strong potential in the field of Indigenous health, but who may lack the academic qualifications required for admission through the standard pathway. Candidates seeking admission through the equivalency pathway will need to demonstrate the drive to excel and the academic skills required to succeed.



Equivalency Requirements

- Minimum 4 years of experience working in a community health setting
- Recommendation letter from community leadership or health organization
- Secondary School graduation or equivalency

Disclaimer

Whether credit or non-credit, students are expected to be present for the entire course intensive(s) offered during the IPH Training Institutes. Planned absences must be approved in advance by course faculty or significant consequences could be experienced by students missing class time.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

We highly recommend preparing and saving all application materials prior to initiating the online application. If you must leave the application mid-way, your changes will be saved if you utilize the same link on the same browser and computer.

Link to the online application can be found here:

<https://health.indigenous.ubc.ca/home-page/programs/iph/iph-apply/>

The online application will ask students for the following information:

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

Date of Birth:

Home Address:

Postal Code:

Phone:

Email:

Preferred Pronouns:

Whether you identify as Indigenous:

ACADEMIC SUMMARY

You will be requested to upload a transcript (if applicable). Please upload your most recent and relevant transcript.



PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY (CV/Resume)

You will be required to upload your most recent CV or resume.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

You will be asked to include school, community, volunteer and cultural activities. Please provide dates of when you participated in the extracurriculars as well as a small description.

SELF-IDENTIFICATION & PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please compose and attach an original essay, 500-750 words, double spaced, that describes how you became interested in a health career with Indigenous communities, and which demonstrates your commitment to improving the health of Indigenous peoples. If you choose to self-identify as Indigenous, please do so at the beginning of your statement.

Discuss your background (including community involvement, leadership roles, and achievements), academic and professional goals, and illustrate how participation in this Indigenous Public Health (IPH) Training Institute will assist you in achieving your goals and in improving the health of Indigenous communities.

Be sure to tailor your statement specifically to the current IPH Training Institute. Your personal statement is your first opportunity to demonstrate your writing skills to our faculty, so take care to submit a concise and well-constructed essay.

We understand that the diverse background, professional experience, and academic performance are unique to each applicant and may vary widely from individual to individual. If you feel that our current application does not otherwise provide an opportunity for you to share details about your full potential as a promising or continuing health leader, please clarify this in this essay.

Your essay will be evaluated based on how well you demonstrate:

- Commitment to improving the health of Indigenous communities
- Alignment of academic and professional goals towards improving Indigenous Health
- Experience working in Indigenous communities
- Desire and commitment to continue learning about ways to positively impact Indigenous health
- Potential for future leadership roles in Indigenous communities
- Clear vision of how the specific course(s), and the program will be used to further personal, academic, or professional interests



FINANCIAL AID

To apply for financial aid, please answer the questions about bursaries on the application form. A limited number of bursaries based on need are available for tuition, travel and housing when IPH Training Institute is occurring in-person at the UBC Vancouver campus.

FINANCIAL AID STATEMENT

Provide a statement about your financial situation. Please include any exceptional circumstances that you believe the adjudication committee should be aware of. If applicable, please include information about any other scholarships, bursaries or band funding you have access to.

Thank you for taking the time to apply to the Indigenous Public Health Training Institute. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact us at ceih.iph@ubc.ca