



YELLOWHEAD TRIBAL COLLEGE

APPLICATION PACKAGE

INDIGENOUS SOCIAL WORK DIPLOMA PROGRAM (ISWD)

2021 - 2023

www.ytced.ab.ca

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process is detailed and will require the commitment of a significant amount of your personal time and effort. The completion of each of the components of this admission package is integral to ensuring that your application will be processed in an effective manner. The documents listed below must be submitted to Yellowhead Tribal College by April 15, 2021. Applicants are also encouraged to submit the necessary documents to meet the funding deadlines set by their sponsors.

If you have any questions about the application procedure, please contact:

- socialwork@ytced.ca
- Applicants are required to be ready to engage in a full-time program with additional time to engage in study and completion of assignments.
- The ISWD requires both academic readiness as well as personal readiness to engage in strengthening learning of Indigenous ways of knowing, personal decolonization, and professional development.

Required Documents:

- Official High School Transcripts (unofficial transcripts can be uploaded in the YTC application portal with official transcripts to follow to: Registrar@ytced.ca)
- Official Post-Secondary Transcripts, if applicable (unofficial transcripts can be uploaded in the YTC application portal with official transcripts to follow to: Registrar@ytced.ca)
- Confirmation of English 30-1 or equivalent course and final mark of at least 65%. Applicants without English 30-1 are invited to apply but must complete the equivalent of English 30-1 prior to May 21, 2021 and update application
- Verification of 100 hours of volunteer or work experience in human service setting within the previous four years
- Current Resume
- Personal Statement/ Full Application with items identified on Program Application Checklist
- Two letters of reference. The first one should be from a supervisor for volunteer or work experience. The second reference should be from community, education, or employment. The reference forms get sent directly to and should have ISWD first name, last name of applicant in the email: Registrar@ytced.ca
- Applicants identified to move onto next steps in the application process will be invited to do an academic readiness assessment and those shortlisted will be invited for a virtual interview
- Complete the College application and upload your application to: <https://ytced.ab.ca/admissions/how-apply/>

PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Ordered my official high school transcripts (Transcripts must be sent from Institution to Institution) _____
 - Ordered my official post-secondary education transcripts from all post-secondary institutions that I have attended in the past (Transcripts must be sent directly from Institution to Institution) _____
 - Attached verification of 100 hours of volunteerism or work experience within a human service setting in the previous four years _____
 - Attached a copy of my current resume _____
 - Attached a completed copy of my personal statement _____
 - Attached a current Criminal Record Check/Child Intervention Check _____
 - Two references _____
 - Completed the YTC College application process on-line _____
- Possession of an unclear criminal record or positive does not restrict applicants from admission to the program. You may be required to provide additional information upon request. _____

Please initial each item.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Applicant's Information:

Surname: _____ First Name: _____
Middle Name(s): _____ Date of Birth: _____

How do you identify as Indigenous:

Treaty Number: _____
Band / Indigenous Nation: _____
Metis: _____
Other: _____

Contact Information:

Street/Box Number: _____
City/Town: _____ Province: _____
Postal Code: _____ Email: _____
Home Phone: _____ Daytime Phone: _____
Name of Alternate Contact Person: _____ Phone Number of Alternate Contact: _____

Academic History:

Secondary Programs:

Last High School Attended: _____
From (Year): _____ To (Year): _____
Highest Grade: _____

Post-Secondary Academic History:

Name of College or University Attended: _____

From (Year): _____ To (Year): _____

Degrees / Diplomas / Certificates Granted: _____

Name of College or University Attended: _____

From (Year): _____ To (Year): _____

Degrees / Diplomas / Certificates Granted: _____

Please note:

All parts of this application package must be received by:

April 15, 2021.

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Personal Statement

By completing your Personal Statement you will be provided with an opportunity to explore and describe how your prior life experiences have encouraged you to consider embarking upon an educational journey which is founded upon Indigenous Knowledge systems.

Please answer each of the following questions in paragraph format: (double spaced word-processed responses are preferred).

1. Please describe your reasons for pursuing a career in social work.
2. Please describe your reasons for wishing to complete your social work education within a program that possesses an Indigenous cultural foundation.
3. Please identify and describe those skills and experiences that you believe indicate your personal suitability to the field of social work.
4. Leading a healthy lifestyle is an essential requirement for successfully participating in a social work education program that is founded upon Indigenous values, knowledge and philosophy. Please describe your plans for ensuring that the following elements of your life will be addressed in a healthy manner throughout the duration of your social work diploma program studies.
 - Potential life challenges
 - Family and community commitments
 - Spiritual needs
 - Academic responsibilities
 - Financial considerations
 - We understand that committing to school will be a financial hardship and ask that you identify any potential financial barriers.
5. In one to two paragraphs please describe your knowledge of Indigenous worldview and social issues that currently face Indigenous peoples in Canada.

REFERENCES

I have provided the following two individuals with a copy of the Reference Form and they have agreed to email the completed form to Registrar@ytced.ca at Yellowhead Tribal College by **April 15, 2021**. The reference forms get sent directly to and should have ISWD first name, last name of applicant in the email.

The first reference letter should be from a supervisor for volunteer or work experience. The second reference letter should be obtained from the community, education, or employment.

* The email sender must ensure the subject line of the email states the following information:
Social Work Program Application: ISWD References for FirstName LastName

*Both reference forms are available via YTC website for you to send to your References.

First Reference (From a Volunteer or Work Experience Organization)

Reference name: _____

Organization: _____

Position: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Second Reference (Community/Education/Employment)

Reference name: _____

Organization: _____

Position: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____