



**UBC'S CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN INDIGENOUS HEALTH
INDIGENOUS PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTES - APPLICATION GUIDE**

INTRODUCTION

Applications to attend Indigenous Public Health Institutes will be adjudicated by the Center for Excellence in Indigenous Health. The first round of applications for Winter Institute 2019 will be open until October 31st, 2018. Applicants are required to complete their application via a link provided on the program website. For inquiries regarding applications please email: ceih.admissions@ubc.ca. For general program inquiries: indigenous.health@ubc.ca.

APPLYING TO CREDIT or NON-CREDIT

There are different applications for the graduate credit and non-credit version of the Institutes. The graduate credit version is intended for students who wish to complete the entire program over 2-6 years and who meet entry requirements. The non-credit version is intended for those who wish to take the course for professional development purposes. Both credit and non-credit courses can be put towards earning a credential, either the Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Public Health or Certificate in Indigenous Public Health (non-credit).

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Non-Credit Admissions Criteria

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

Graduate Credit Admissions Criteria

Admission to the Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Public Health will be granted to students through *standard* and *equivalency* pathways. Students applying to both standard and equivalency pathways will be required to submit a personal statement, official transcripts and current resume through this application link. Admissions will occur in both the Winter and Summer Institutes.

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 Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Public Health will be considered for candidates who have demonstrated strong potential in the field of Indigenous health, but 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.



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Equivalency Requirements

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

APPLICATION MATERIALS

We highly recommend preparing and saving all application materials prior to initiating the online application. Students wishing to attend multiple institutes will be required to re-apply so saving application materials will save future preparation time. If you have to leave the application mid-way, your changes will be saved so long as you utilize the same link on the same browser and computer. The online application will ask students for the following information:

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

Country of Legal Residence:

Gender:

Date of Birth:

Home Address:

Phone:

Email:

Citizenship:

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.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Include school, community, volunteer and cultural activities.

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Description</i>

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 demonstrates your commitment to improving the health of Indigenous peoples. If you choose to self-identify as Aboriginal or Indigenous please do so at the beginning of your statement.



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

Be sure to tailor your statement specifically to this program. 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 types of background and professional experiences, 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 in 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 program will be used to further personal, academic or professional interest

SCHOLARSHIPS

You will be asked which CEIH Scholarships (housing, tuition, travel) you would like to be considered for.

Scholarship 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 or band funding you have access to.