

First Nations Language Teachers

DEVELOPMENTAL STANDARD TERM CERTIFICATE

"I want to teach my native language, Secwepemctsin. I am terrified that the language will die, so I will learn and teach to ensure this does not happen."

Marie Sandy, second year, DSTC-FNLT

TEACH
SECWPEMCTIN,
NLAKEPAMUXCIN
OR STATIMCETS

Immersion

Cultural
Knowledge

Enhance your First Nations language knowledge

Develop your knowledge and understanding of First Nations language and culture in this unique three-year, 92-credit program. Prepare to teach within the context of Canadian schools. Be introduced to and gain an appreciation for the connections between First Nations language—such as Secwepemctsin, Nlakapamuxcin and Statimcets—and culture. Build your knowledge through immersion courses in all three years. Obtain a thorough understanding of teaching methodology and practice, then apply your knowledge and explore best practice in practical settings. Classroom theory and four hands-on practicum experiences culminate in certification to teach First Nations language and culture in public schools, private schools and First Nations schools and communities.

Teach language and culture to future generations

DSTC-FNLT graduates receive certification from BC's Teacher Regulation Branch and acknowledgement by the appropriate First Nations Language Authority. After completion you may apply your credits in the DSTC-FNLT program towards the TRU Bachelor of Education degree.

Individual language courses can also be taken to meet academic requirements for a second language.

This program was developed in partnership with the Secwepemc Cultural Education Society, the Upper Statimc Language, Culture and Education Society, and Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT). DSTC-FNLT programs are also delivered at Williams Lake campus and at NVIT, and may be developed for delivery in other First Nations languages. Contact us for more information.

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A student's experience

Marie Sandy (front) is a second-year student completing her First Nations Language Teachers DSTC.

Why TRU?

TRU is a wonderful school. It has a great selection of programs, but smaller class sizes, so it is easier to get one-on-one time with your professors for extra help. The most valuable feature of the program is learning the culture that is integral to the language. This year I learned some Secwepemc songs and dances I never knew about.

TRU highlights

I find that TRU is very inclusive. TRU provides quite a bit of cultural events, and makes space available for Aboriginal students to do their work and practice their culture. For example, being able to attend the Elders Luncheon was so rewarding.



Find your TRU

At TRU, you'll find many paths to learning, a hands-on approach and a supportive, inclusive environment. We open doors with options like open admission and Open Learning. We expand horizons with our breadth of exceptional programs—from certificates and apprenticeships to bachelor's and master's degrees. Learn by doing, from co-op placements with industry leaders, to applied research projects. Volunteering in the community. Studying in another country. TRU takes you beyond the classroom to find your passion through real-world experiences. Our faculty members excel at mentorship and inspiration, one-on-one. And our support network—from advising to career planning—is here when you need it. Find your path, your passion, your connection at TRU.

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First Nations Language Teacher instructor Elder Mona Jules

Beyond the Classroom

TRU supports your academic and career aspirations through a variety of services such as academic advising, Aboriginal mentoring and transition planning, counselling, peer support, student employment and wellness. Get involved in opportunities beyond the classroom to enrich your learning.

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Apply

Please refer to TRU's Open Admission requirements. Course offerings and rotations may vary.

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Questions?

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