

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK INDIGENOUS FIELD OF STUDY

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CREDENTIAL: Master of Social Work Degree

PROGRAM LENGTH: 2 years

START DATE: Fall 2020 (Part-time status)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

As the first Indigenous Master of Social Work program in Canada that is completely informed by an Indigenous world view, the goal is to develop social work practitioners who demonstrate an understanding of and respect for the history, traditions and cultures of the Indigenous Peoples of Canada. This unique program includes the involvement of Indigenous Elders, a traditional circle process and Indigenous ceremonies.

WHOLISTIC CONTEXT

You will develop an understanding of how social work practice and intervention with Indigenous population is influenced by the history and value system of colonization, and the interrelated and intergenerational impacts.

WHOLISTIC GOALS

You will be required to fully comprehend this body of knowledge and actively engage in the consequences of this dynamic to create a more empowering type of reality for Indigenous Peoples.

WHOLISTIC PRACTICE

You will be expected to respect and seek to practice within an Indigenous world view. Along with intellectual development, you will also engage in the development of your spiritual, emotional and physical selves. You will be expected to involve yourself in all aspects of this specialized program, which include cultural camps, ceremonies, classroom work, presentation of yourself to Elders, the circle process and in practice settings.

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PROGRAM OF STUDY

Term 1 (Fall)	SK628 Cultural Camp
	SK647 Elders' Teaching and Indigenous Identity
Term 2 (Winter)	SK646 Wholistic Healing Practices
	SK649 Advanced Field Education (three days per week)
Term 3 (Spring)	SK649 Advanced Field Education (three days per week)
	SK645 Indigenous Research Methods
Term 4 (Fall)	SK507 Social Justice and Transformative Social Work Practices
	SK644 Indigenous Kinship, Structures and Social Work Practices
Term 5 (Winter)	SK635 Indigenous Knowledges and Theory
Term 6 (Spring)	SK648 Elders' Teachings and Self-reflection (Fasting Camp)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. To be eligible, applicants must hold a Bachelor of Social Work degree from an accredited program in a university of recognized standing.
2. Academic background must include a half-credit course in research methodology.
3. Applicants must have at least a B (73%) standing in final academic year of their BSW degree.
4. Evidence of paid and/or voluntary experience in human service organizations, awareness of contemporary social issues and social work values, demonstrated ability to communicate effectively and motivation for a career as a professional social worker is assessed on the basis of application material.
5. Although this program is open to students of all cultural backgrounds, candidates for the Indigenous Field of Study must also have some familiarity with the traditional wholistic healing approach and/or have used it in their practice; demonstrated through a personal statement, references and an admissions interview.

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HOW TO APPLY

PART 1: Online OUAC Application

Step 1: Go to OUAC Website:

<https://www.ouac.on.ca/apply/wlugrad>

Step 2: Create an OUAC Account if you have not already done so

Step 3: Follow the instructions to complete the online application form:

- Select Degree: Master of Social Work (Advanced Standing - Indigenous Field of Study; for students with a BSW) 941C
- Select Expected Course Enrollment: Either Full Time or Part Time
- You will need to add your references here, please ensure you have spoken to the people you would like to be your references. You will need 2 professional and 1 academic reference.

Step 4: Pay the non-refundable fee to submit your application

Step 5: Save a copy of your Summary of Application Form from OUAC

Part 2: Uploading Documents to LORIS

Step 6: After you complete the online OUAC application, Laurier University will send you an email telling you how to log onto LORIS (Laurier Online Registration Information System), this can take up to 2 business days. Once you receive this email, please log into LORIS.

- Username: 9-digit Student Number
- PIN: date of birth in the format MMDDYY

Step 7: Once you are logged onto LORIS, go to the Admissions tab and click on Display Admissions Application.

Step 8: The supplemental documents required for your application are listed on LORIS, for the MSW IFS Program this includes:

- Summary of Application Form from OUAC
- Unofficial Transcripts from your previous colleges and universities
- Statement of Intent – The questions will be emailed to you by WLU
- Updated Resume
- References- Your references will have 2 weeks after they are emailed by WLU to complete their references for you, please make sure you connect with your references around deadlines.
- Summary of your Work and Volunteer Experience

Once you have completed Part 1 & Part 2, the Faculty will review your file and will assess you for suitability for the program. If you meet the grade, experience and suitability requirements, they Faculty will request and interview with you.

Part 3: Faculty Interview

- The Faculty will interview you either over the phone or in person
- The Faculty will ask you questions to get a better sense of you as a person
- You do not need to prepare anything for this interview

APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 1, 2020

(September 2020 intake)



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