

**Business - Aboriginal Stream**

Program #: 2806  
 School: School of Business  
 Program Type: Post-secondary program  
 Program Length: 2 years/ 4 semesters  
 Credential: Ontario College Diploma  
 Start Date: Fall, Winter, Summer  
 Location: Progress Campus

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**Description**

The Canadian Council of Aboriginal Business (CCAB) recently identified a demand for Aboriginal people to become more involved in economic development and industry. Centennial College also recognizes the need for sustainable partnerships between Aboriginal people and Canadian businesses, and accordingly has developed the Aboriginal Business Diploma program to address the community's need for individuals with a business foundation and understanding of Aboriginal needs. This two-year program builds upon the comprehensive business knowledge provided in all of Centennial's programs, while supplementing the specialized, cultural knowledge necessary for success within the business community. Upon graduation from Centennial's program, graduates will be able to identify and gain knowledge about issues related to Aboriginal people, apply them to effective business practices and benefit their communities and the Greater Toronto Area. Global Citizenship and Equity Portfolio Students in this program will develop a portfolio documenting their engagement with the College's signature global citizenship and equity competencies. For more information on Global Citizenship and Equity, the GC&E Portfolio, and the supports available to you, please visit <http://www.centennialcollege.ca/citizenshipandequity>.

**Benefits****Program Highlights**

- The program balances the fundamentals of business, basic accounting, finance, and business communications alongside Aboriginal business ethics and practices.
- Centennial's partnership with the Aboriginal Finance Officers Association ensures that our program meets the business needs of the Aboriginal community.
- The program is well-suited to students just beginning their post-secondary studies as well as mature learners.
- The School of Business's partnership development with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal organizations provide mentoring and valuable networking opportunities to students as they complete their diploma.

**Is this Program Right for You?**

The Aboriginal Business Diploma program is an ideal career path for individuals with the following traits and skills:

- Analytical with strong numeracy skills
- Highly organized with an ability to plan and prioritize
- Thrive under pressure and ability to meet deadlines
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Innovative problem solver and decision maker
- Comfortable working within a team environment
- Open-minded and have a willingness to learn new things

**Admission Requirements****Eligibility**

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent, or mature student status (19 years or older)

**Academic Requirements**

- English Grade 12 C or U or equivalent, or skills assessment.
- Math Grade 11 C, M or U, or Grade 12 C or U or equivalent or skills assessment

**Notes**

Applicants who consider themselves members of an Aboriginal group associated to First Nations, Inuit, or Metis ancestry, are encouraged to self identify when applying for this program at [Ontariocolleges.ca](http://Ontariocolleges.ca).

**Course Outline**

Semester 1 Courses		
Course Code	Course Title	Campus
ABST-101	Aboriginal Identity	Progress Campus
COMM-160/COMM-161	College Communications 1	Progress Campus
BUSN-119	Fundamentals of Business	Progress Campus
MATH-106	Mathematics of Finance	Progress Campus
COMP-106	Microcomputer Applications Software 1	Progress Campus
BUSN-110	Strategies for Business Success	Progress Campus

Semester 2 Courses		

Course Code	Course Title	Campus
ABST-121	Aboriginal Relationships	Progress Campus
BUSN-129	Business Operations	Progress Campus
COMM-170/COMM-171	College Communications 2	Progress Campus
ACCT-112	Financial Accounting 1	Progress Campus
GNE-500	Global Citizenship: From Social Analysis to Social Action	Progress Campus
COMP-126	Microcomputer Applications Software 2	Progress Campus

#### Semester 3 Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Campus
ABST-201	Aboriginal Governance and Sovereignty	Progress Campus
ABST-210	Aboriginal Strategy and Decisions	Progress Campus
BUSN-333	Business Communications	Progress Campus
BUSN-210	Career Exploration	Progress Campus
GNE-500	General Education Elective	Progress Campus
HRMT-301	Human Resource Management	Progress Campus
MKTG-116	Principles of Marketing	Progress Campus

#### Semester 4 Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Campus
ABST-221	Aboriginal Challenges and Advocacy	Progress Campus
BUSN-226	Business Analysis	Progress Campus
ECON-302	Economics for Business & Management	Progress Campus
GNE-500	General Education Elective	Progress Campus
MGMT-222	Management Principles	Progress Campus
BUSN-221	Organizational Behaviour	Progress Campus
ABST-301	Values and Ethics in the Aboriginal Workplace	Progress Campus