

NORTHERN COLLEGE

It is a difficult time for many. We recognize this and want to hold space for those who deserve a College education and have much to share. For over two decades, we have hosted an annual Pow Wow to bring people and nations together to celebrate life and one another.

Students from rural, remote and urban backgrounds travel from near and far to learn in these spaces. Some are learning about our culture for the very first time; others are deepening their understanding of Indigenous ways of knowing. Some are coming back to us. There are triggers and there is trauma, and a significant amount of it is intergenerational. Supports along the way are critical.

This is an important time in truth-telling as we work to reconcile what has taken place on these lands. Together, coming together to listen, speak and understand, we can move our nations forward. We believe in a better tomorrow. We know that things we are doing now can move all of us forward. There is much work still to do.

Northern College: Indigenous Education and Empowerment

We recognize the disparity caused by a lengthy national history of inequality and injustice toward Indigenous peoples of Canada, and will address the long-term impacts of this colonization upon the organization and the learners. To do so, we will actively seek to identify and dismantle the existence of racism systemically and operationally as it arises, and we will take steps to decolonize the organization at every turn.

Objectives:

Northern College will fully engage Indigenous communities.

Northern College will include programs of study that recognize all aspects of the Indigenous learner, their environment and their future success.

Northern College will demonstrate inclusiveness with Indigenous students.

Northern College will respond proactively to change and the changing environment in a collective manner.

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