

First Nations University of Canada

First Nations University of Canada: Vision, Mission and Logo

Vision

We, the First Nations, are children of the Earth, placed here by the Creator to live in harmony with each other; the land, animals and other living beings. All beings are interconnected in the Great Circle of Life.

As First Nations, we treasure our collective values of wisdom, respect, humility, sharing, harmony, beauty, strength and spirituality. They have preserved and passed down our traditions through countless generations.

The Elders teach us to respect the beliefs and values of all nations. Under the Treaties, our leaders bade us to work in cooperation and equal partnership with other Nations.

The First Nations University of Canada provides an opportunity for students of all nations to learn in an environment of First Nations cultures and values. The Elders' desire for an Indian institution of higher education led to the establishment of the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College (SIFC).

The University is a special place of learning where we recognize the spiritual power of knowledge and where knowledge is respected and promoted. In following the paths given to us by the Creator; the First Nations have a unique vision to contribute to higher education. With the diversity and scope of the First Nations degree programs, the University occupies a unique role in Canadian higher education. The University promotes a high quality of education, research and publication.

At First Nations University of Canada, First Nations students can learn in the context of their own traditions, languages and values. Rooted in their own traditions, our students will walk proudly and wisely today. The University, through extension programming, reaches out and welcomes First Nations peoples to use its resources for the enrichment of their communities.

Mission

The mission of the First Nations University of Canada is to enhance the quality of life, and to preserve, protect, and interpret the history, language, culture, and artistic heritage of First Nations. The University will acquire and expand its base of knowledge and understanding in the best interests of First Nations and for the benefit of society by providing opportunities of quality bi-lingual and bi-cultural education under the mandate and control of the First Nations of Saskatchewan. The First Nations University of Canada is a First Nations' controlled university-college which provides educational opportunities to both First-Nations' and non-First-Nations' university students selected from a provincial, national, and international base.



Logo

On June 21, 2003, the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College officially changed its name to First Nations University of Canada. To reflect the evolvement from SIFC to First Nations University of Canada, the SIFC logo was enhanced. It was designed to be more bold and simple. The choice was deliberate to place the new name at the top and keep the SIFC acronym inside the centre circle, to let our public know that we are the same institution with a new name.

The five feathers of the First Nations University of Canada's logo represent the five First Nations tribal groups of Saskatchewan: the Cree, Sauteaux, Dene, Dakota, and Nakota. The circle represents the unending process of education that takes place throughout our lifetime. The Chief's head represents the First Nations University of Canada's membership in the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations' family of institutions.