Leadership in Aboriginal Education
Master of Professional Education Program

In addition to a thorough grounding in the theories and practices of leadership, graduates of the program will have a comprehensive understanding of Indigenous knowledge and pedagogy and the historical and contemporary conditions of Aboriginal education in Canada. A specific emphasis on organizational and pedagogical strategies to improve Aboriginal student success is included as part of a broader consideration of the social, political and economic context of education.

This program is offered in co-operation with the Oneida Nation of the Thames.
Program Format
This is a cohort program. All students will proceed through the program together, completing the courses as outlined. The cohort format maximizes class cohesion and peer support systems and encourages successful completion of the program. Students can tailor the courses to their own interests through their choice of assignments and projects.

Proposed Course Progression (may be modified to suit the needs of the students in the cohort)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TERM</th>
<th>COURSES</th>
<th>NOTES</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Summer, Term 1</td>
<td>9691 Special Topics - Interdisciplinary Issues and Implications in Aboriginal Education</td>
<td>Fall and winter courses may be offered on-line and through video-conferencing. Final arrangements will be determined in consultation with the students registered in the program.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>9500 Power, Politics and Policy in Education: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fall, Term 2</td>
<td>9510 Aboriginal and First Nations Education: The Broader Policy Context</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winter, Term 3</td>
<td>9587B Reading Research: Critical Approaches for Educators (in development)</td>
<td>For course descriptions, please refer to our website: <a href="http://www.edu.uwo.ca/graduate-education/course_descriptions.html">http://www.edu.uwo.ca/graduate-education/course_descriptions.html</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Summer, Term 4</td>
<td>###### Becoming Educational Leaders (in development)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>###### Developing, Implementing and Evaluating Education Programs (in development)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fall, Term 5</td>
<td>###### Doing Educational Research (in development)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winter, Term 6</td>
<td>###### Capstone/Culminating Project</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Application Procedures
Application procedures can be found on our website: http://www.edu.uwo.ca/graduate-education/admission_contact/apply.html. Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Applications must be completed on-line. When completing the on-line application, select Professional Education -> Master of Professional Education in Educational Leadership and then choose “Aboriginal Educational Leadership” as the area of interest.

Special Note: This program will only be offered if numbers warrant. A minimum of 15 qualified applicants must register to make the program viable.
Admission Requirements

Required:
- Normally, a four-year degree (20 full courses or equivalent) from an accredited university
- Minimum “B” standing (70%) or equivalent in the final two years of study
- Exceptions given below

Recommended:
- Honours degree
- A qualification leading to certification as a teacher (e.g., B.Ed.)
- Minimum one year of teaching experience, or experience within the field of education

Notes & Exceptions:
- Bachelor of Education course grades are not used in calculating admission averages.
- Applicants with 3-year degrees will be considered on a case-by-case basis if seats are available in programs. Successful experience as an educator in a professional setting may be considered in the selection process.
- Probationary Status: If an applicant does not meet all of the minimum admission requirements (e.g. average below 70% and/or has only a 3-year degree plus B.Ed.), the applicant may be offered admission as a Probationary Student with Conditions. Conditions: Applicants must complete the 2 half courses in the summer of 2013 and maintain a 75% average in each course to clear conditions.

Applications will be reviewed as they are received. Spaces are limited. Applicants are encouraged to submit early.

Tuition costs

Tuition amounts are set each year by Senate and then published on the Office of the Registrar’s website:

http://registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/fees_refunds/fee_schedules.html

Fees are paid once each term (Fall, Winter, Summer).
Want to learn more?
Details regarding graduate programs in Education and application information are available on our website:
http://www.edu.uwo.ca/graduate-education/index.html

For further information about the program contact:

Dr. Brent Debassige   or   Dr. Rebecca Coulter
Assistant Professor  Professor
Faculty of Education  Faculty of Education
The University of Western Ontario  The University of Western Ontario
1137 Western Road       1137 Western Road
London ON  N6G 1G7                             London ON  N6G 1G7

Phone: (519) 661-2111 ext: 88762    Phone: (519) 661-2111 ext: 88603
E-Mail: bdebassi@uwo.ca                  E-Mail: coulter@uwo.ca

For further information about applying contact:

Graduate Programs Office
Faculty of Education
The University of Western Ontario
1137 Western Road
London ON  N6G 1G7

Phone: (519) 661-2099
Fax: (519) 661-3029
E-Mail: graded@uwo.ca
Web: http://www.edu.uwo.ca/
graduate-education/index.html

Drum courtesy of Eileen and Grafton Antone, Oneida Nation of the Thames.

This program is offered in co-operation with the Oneida Nation of the Thames.