

Bachelor of Social
Work Degree
Information Session:
2023-2024

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We acknowledge that we are uninvited settlers in the unceded traditional lands of the Secwépemc Nation. The region TRU serves extends into the territories of the St'át'imc, Nlaka'pamux, T̓silhqot'in, Nuxalk, and Dakelh communities within these territories.

We are humbled and grateful for the generosity of the Secwepemc Nation while we live, learn, and work here. We hope our work contributes to reconciliation and relationship building between land-keepers and settlers in this territory, and towards a more inclusive future for all peoples living in Canada.



Why choose TRU?



- **Centrally located in BC** – by car... 3.5 hrs to Vancouver, 2.5 hrs to the Fraser Valley, 2 hrs to Kelowna - fly to Calgary/Vancouver in 1.5 hours
- **Not too big, not too small** – Kamloops is a friendly and safe community of about 90,000 with regional population of 150,000
- **Warm and Dry** – Kamloops has the third lowest annual rainfall in all of Canada and over **2,000 hours of sunshine annually**
- **Affordable** – On average, Kamloops has a lower cost of living than Vancouver and the Lower Mainland
- **Sun Peaks Ski Resort & Harper Mountain** – World-class skiing, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and winter fun just 45 minutes away!
- **Shuswap Lake** (tons of other lakes too) – A summer paradise for water-skiing, boating, camping and more...

TRU is in the Heart of the City

- **Everything you need is within walking distance of campus!**
- **On the Bus...** All bus routes lead to a central transit exchange on campus.
- **TRUSU U-PASS...** All students receive a U-PASS (bus pass), giving them access to all Kamloops transit services.
- **Parking...** Monthly and semester passes are available — or pay \$5 per day (after 5 PM it's free).
- **Pedal Power...** Bicycle racks are provided on campus and many city buses come equipped with bike racks.
- **Electric** charging stations abound on campus!
- **TRU Security...** Uniformed security patrol the campus 24 hours a day.





TRU by the numbers...

More than **28,000** students, **13,000** campus-based

Indigenous students — **10%**

5,700+ International students from 112 nations

Average class size — 1st year: **31** students; 4th year: **29** students

Over **60** active student clubs

Average cost of tuition* per academic year — **\$5,542**

*for full-time, undergraduate, Canadian students; see www.tru.ca

Last year, TRU Financial Aid & Awards handed out — **\$1.84** million dollars in student awards to **1339** students



TRU is a comprehensive, learner-centred, sustainable university that serves its regional, national, and international learners and their communities through high quality and flexible education, training, research and scholarship.



Why social work?

Social Work is a profession of compassion and social justice that strives for social change while working to meet the basic human needs of all people. It works with people as they become empowered to overcome oppression and marginalization.

Social workers help people identify and manage the forces that create, contribute to, and address problems in living.

Social workers provide support, advocacy, resources, referrals, protections, education, and counselling.

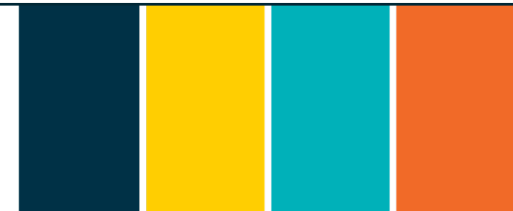
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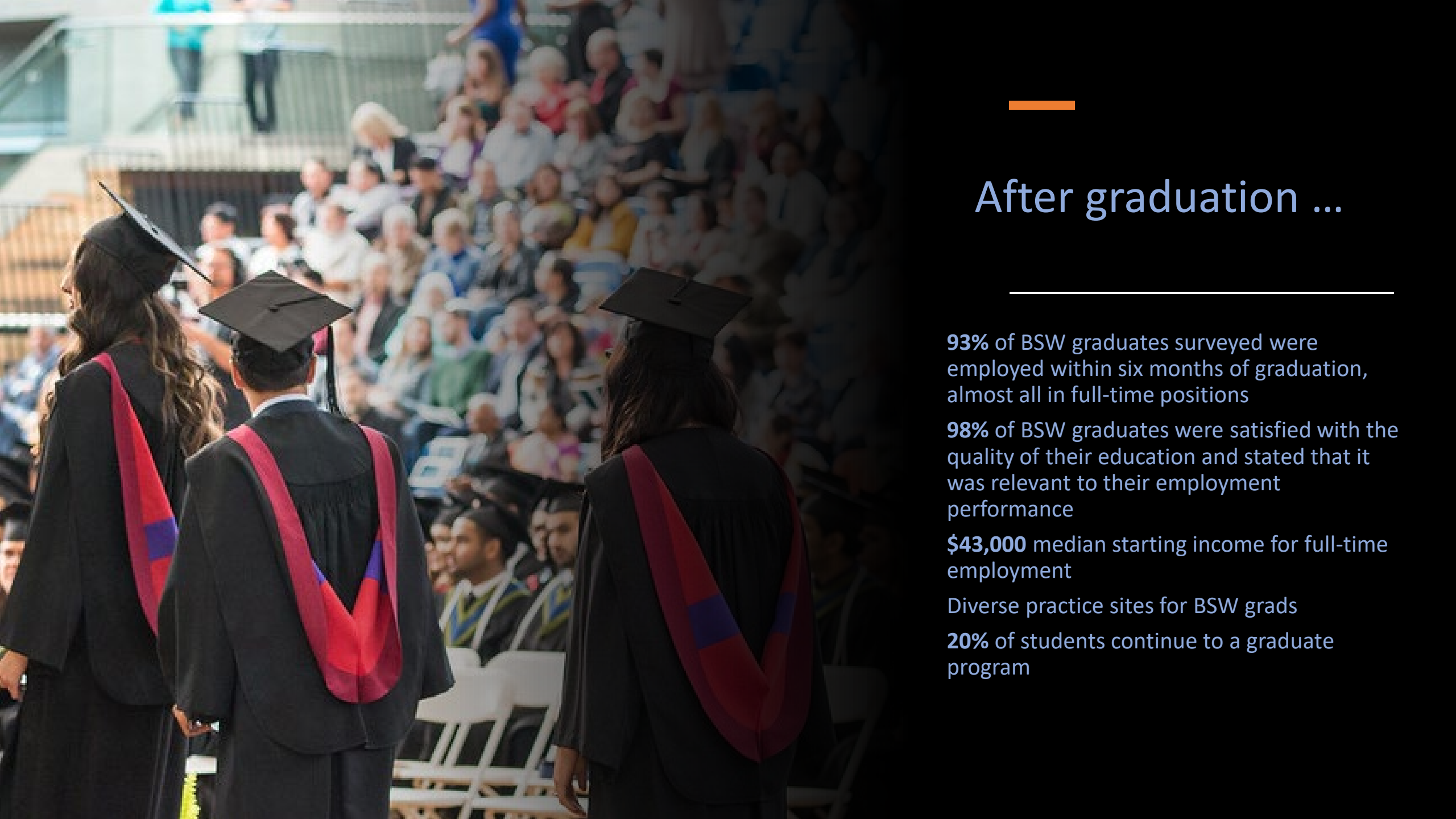
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TRU BSW Mission Statement

- The BSW program prepares competent generalist practitioners to provide service and leadership within regional, national, and global contexts to achieve social justice, respect for diversity, and social change. The program facilitates the development of the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to work in collaborative and anti-oppressive ways.
- The BSW program delivers social work education that identifies and eradicates barriers that prevent people from reaching their full potential. The program is committed to social work education that integrates and incorporates Indigenous perspectives.





After graduation ...

93% of BSW graduates surveyed were employed within six months of graduation, almost all in full-time positions

98% of BSW graduates were satisfied with the quality of their education and stated that it was relevant to their employment performance

\$43,000 median starting income for full-time employment

Diverse practice sites for BSW grads

20% of students continue to a graduate program

BSW Program Information

- Social Work is a four year (120 credit) degree program with entry in the 3rd year.
- Two years (60 credits maximum) of General Liberal Arts/Science University Studies (and/or Diploma equivalents), and two years (60 credits) of Social Work courses.
- The program is a mix of classroom based courses and practical experience working along side a social worker in a service delivery setting.
- The BSW Program contains two field practica – 280 hours in 3rd year and 420 hours in 4th year. Students ladder from diploma programs may qualify for exemption from the 3rd year practicum.
- Students may complete 4th year practicum out of region.
- The BSW Program *may* have international opportunities for students.



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BSW Courses

Core courses:

- SW Practice with Individuals – Indigenous People and Human Services Canadian Social Policy - Human Development – Race and Racialization
- SW Practice with Diverse Individuals - Intro to Social Work Research Theory & Ideology – Decolonizing SW Practice ne Secwepemcul’ecw
- Social Work Field Practice (3rd and 4th Year)

Child Welfare specialization courses:

- Child Welfare Practice – Child Welfare Policy - Social Work & the Law

Elective courses:

- SW practice with Families – Intro to Disability Studies - Leadership
- Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression - Trauma Informed Practice Intimate Partner Violence
- Older People, Aging & Society - Green Social Work – International Social Work - Mental Health
- Critical Demetria Studies - Rural Social Work – Substance Use
- Working with Groups – SW Practice with Communities - Educating for Social Change Research

Pathways into the BSW Program at TRU:

- 1) Completion of 54-60 credits in general university courses
- 2) Completion of Human Service/ Social Work diploma

Courses completed at other institutions may transfer for up to 60 credits.

Pre-requisites:

54-60 credits – minimum GPA 2.33

SOCW 2060 – Intro to SW Practice (or equivalent)

SOCW 2120 – Intro to Social Welfare in Canada (or equivalent)

ENGL 1100 (or equivalent)



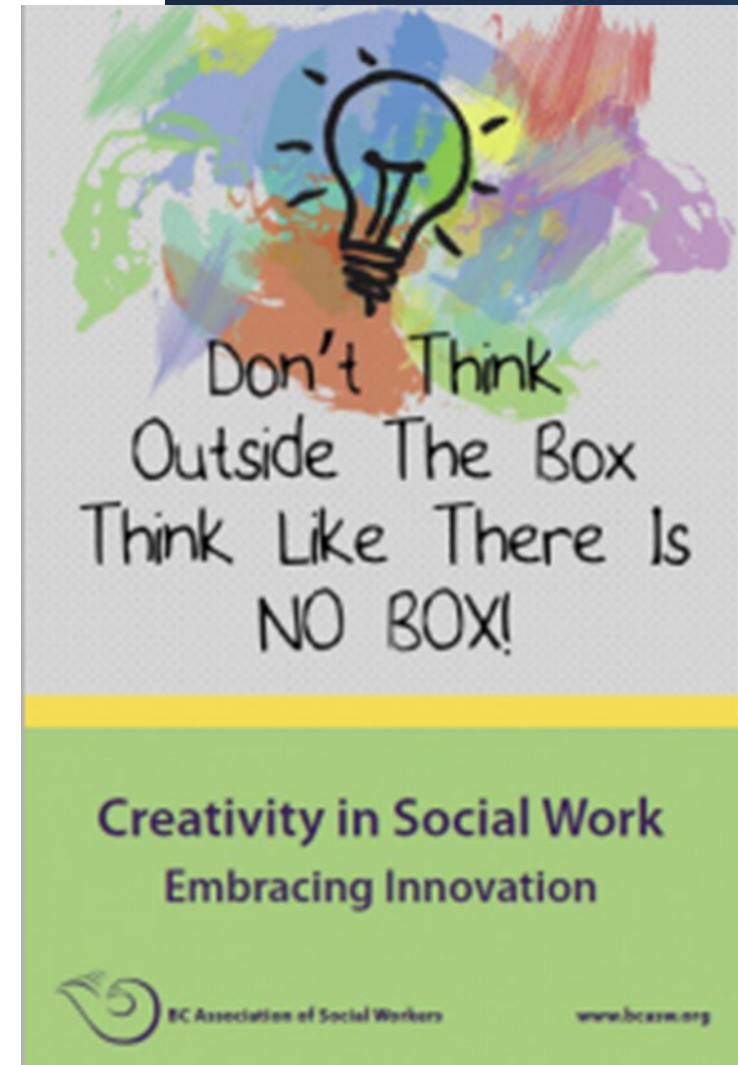


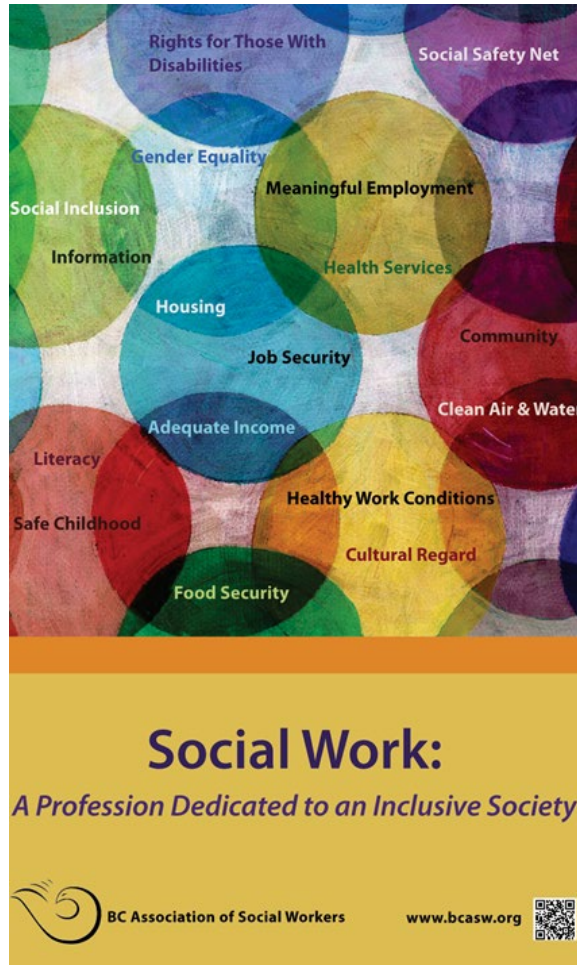
Requirements for Admissions

- 54-60 eligible credits including ENGL 1100, SOCW 2060 and SOCW 2120
- Minimum 2.33 cumulative GPA
- 1) GPA calculated on last 24 academic credits
- 2) Admission Statement which allows you to express and share your ideas, interests and experience in the Social Work field.
- Admission to the Bachelor of Social Work program is limited and competitive (70 seats per year)
- Apply prior to deadline at the end of **February 2023** – complete applications received by **January 15th 2023** will be reviewed for early admissions offers in February.
- Equity Admissions

TRU Bachelor of Social Work – Admissions Statement

1. Identify one important social issue within your community and explain the issue as informed by social work values and ethics. Draw on the CASW Code of Ethics in your response. Identify one policy relevant to the social issue, and explain how the policy might impact the issue.
2. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) submitted its final report in December 2015. What does truth and reconciliation mean to you in light of your social location? What has been your engagement with truth and reconciliation to date? For example, engagement may include activities such as attending events in the community, sitting with significant unlearning, developing relationships with Elders, etc. What shifts in your perspective and understanding have you experienced through this engagement?
3. The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) published the final report, *Reclaiming Power and Place*, in 2019, with 18 sections of detailed calls in the Calls for Justice. The TRC (noted in question 2) included 94 Calls to Action. Identify one of the MMIWG Calls for Justice or one of the 94 TRC Calls to Action and explain its significance to your future social work practice. What gaps will you need to address in your educational experience at TRU in responding to the selected Call for Justice or Call to Action?





CASW ethics (2005)

- https://www.casw-acts.ca/files/attachements/casw_code_of_ethics.pdf
- Code organized around values that contain principals to guide practice
 - Value 1 – Respect the inherent dignity and worth of persons
 - Value 2 – Pursuit of Social Justice
 - Value 3 – Service to Humanity
 - Value 4 – Integrity in Professional Practice
 - Value 5 – Confidentiality in Professional Practice
 - Value 6 – Competence in Professional Practice

Truth and Reconciliation

TRC Recommendation No. 1

“We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and Aboriginal governments to commit to reducing the number of Aboriginal children in care.”

- 1/94

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- Question 2 - social location, truth and reconciliation
 - CBC – What does truth and reconciliation mean to you?
 - <https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/what-does-reconciliation-mean-mb-1.3803617>
- Question 3 – Call to Action/ Call to Justice and your social work practice
 - https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Calls_for_Justice.pdf
 - http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf
 - <https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/longform-single/beyond-94?&cta=1>

TRC call to action No. 22

“We call upon those who can effect change within the Canadian health-care system to recognize the value of Aboriginal healing practices and use them in the treatment of Aboriginal patients in collaboration with Aboriginal healers and Elders where requested by Aboriginal patients.”

- 22/94

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Admission Application Process

- Go to www.tru.ca to apply – early application deadline is January 15, 2023 – regular deadline is February 28, 2023
- Submit PDF admission statement
- Transcripts



Belong, as you are and wherever you are in life.

Be heard and stand out in small classes.

Recharge in nearby natural spaces.

Be yourself, as you define it.

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