

# First Nations Language Developmental Standard Term Certificate (DSTC)

## 2018-2019 ADMISSION INFORMATION

### Program Description

The The DSTC—First Nations Language Teachers program is a three-year program. Students who successfully complete the (92) credits and receive recommendation letter from Thompson Rivers University; and are acknowledged by the local First Nations Language Authority as proficient to teach the First Nations language, will be eligible for the Developmental Standard Term Certificate (DSTC) issued by the Teachers Regulation Branch (TRB) of the BC Ministry of Education. (TRB) certification is required to teach grades K-12 in BC public, First Nations and independent schools.

The DSTC program has four practica experiences offering a certification practicum using integrated units with a First Nations language approach to instruction. This is one of the features in this TRU DSTC program that makes it unique.

This program has been developed in partnership with Secwepemc Cultural Education Society (SCES), Upper Statimc Language, Culture & Education Society (USLCES), and Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT).

Students who have completed the DSTC First Nations Language Teachers Program may choose to continue studying and may be eligible to ladder into the Bachelor of Education (BEd) program. Please visit the Faculty of Education and Social Work website for additional program information on the DSTC First Nations Language Teachers Program at; <http://www.tru.ca/edsw/education/fnlt.html>

### Intake Date

This program offers continuous intake each semester.

### Admission Requirements

- Completion of Grade 12 (or equivalent)
- English 12 or English 12 First Peoples with a minimum 73% with government exam within the last 5 years (or equivalent)

Applicants not having met grade 11/12 English may do so by submitting a successful Accuplacer Result. Contact the Assessment Centre at 250-828-5470 or email [assess@tru.ca](mailto:assess@tru.ca) to book a testing date.

### How to Apply

1. Apply online at <http://www.tru.ca/admissions/apply.html>
2. **\$28.68** application fee for Canadian Citizens Permanent Residents.
3. Submit Official High School Transcripts.
4. Submit official Post-secondary transcripts for all institutions previously and or currently attending.

*Applications submitted without payment of the applicable fee will not be processed.*

### Next steps

TRU Admissions will notify applicants within 2 to 3 weeks of having received their application. Once we have reviewed your application and supporting documents, we will notify you of the admission decision.

### Selective Admission Process

When selecting students for the DSTC First Nations Language Teachers program, we will consider academic or language and culture employment related background and performance. *Students entering first year are required to complete a Criminal Record Check prior to the first practicum experience.* Forms will be provided by the Program Coordinator. Students accepted to the program will receive a Seat Offer Letter, requiring a \$500.00 Commitment Fee payment to secure a seat, it is held as deposit towards tuition fees. The remaining balance of tuition is due and payable when classes start.

For assistance in developing your academic plan to meet the program requirements please contact our Academic Advising Department [advising@tru.ca](mailto:advising@tru.ca) or call 250-828-5075.

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