



Heiltsuk Tribal Council



This program is a partnership with Heiltsuk Tribal Council, North Island College and Vancouver Island University.

Indigenous Ecotourism Training Program

Program Description:

The fully-funded seven-month Indigenous Ecotourism Training Program is designed to give you certified skills for employment within British Columbia's prominent Indigenous Tourism sector, while benefitting from an applied learning experience that provides a Certificate in Adventure Tourism and Recreation to those who successfully complete all the courses. Participants are brought together for 6-10 days multiple times to complete course work. An additional scholarship will be available to participants that are 35 years of age or younger to provide a living allowance.

Students are in full-time academic studies from January to July 2021

Outline of courses:

- Guiding Skills 1 and 2
- Field Specialty: Paddling Skills 1 and 2
- Introduction to Tourism
- Heritage Interpretation in Tourism
- First Host
- Wilderness First Aid
- VHF Restricted Operator Certificate
- Internship and Preparation
- Sustainability in Tourism
- Planning for Tourism and Indigenous Community Economic Development
- Tourism Marketing

Program Outline (each course is applied learning in a hybrid format; online and face-2-face).

Place-based learning will include trips to the following locations (dates and locations subject to change):

1. Tofino/Ucluelet Region: **January 17-26, 2021**
2. Comox Valley Region: **February 21-March 1, 2021**
3. Nanaimo Region: **March 5-13, 2021**
4. Sunshine Coast Region: **April 11-20, 2021**
5. Port Alberni Region/Bamfield: **May 2-11, 2021**
6. Victoria Region: **May 14-22, 2021**
7. Internship for 8 weeks **/June-July 2021**

**DON'T DELAY
Application Deadline
Friday, December 11, 2020**

Applicants are eligible from the following Nations:

Heiltsuk First Nation, Ahousaht First Nation, Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation, Namgis First Nation, Homalco First Nation, Dzawada'enuxw First Nation

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Indigenous Ecotourism Training Program – Application Form

Applicant Contact Information:

Name: _____

Nation Affiliation: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City/Prov/Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone/Cell phone: _____

1. Please confirm you meet the following Program Admission Requirements:

- ☐ I identify as an Indigenous/First Nations person
- ☐ I am 19 years of age or older
- ☐ I meet the Academic Admission Requirements because (select one):
 - ☐ I graduated from a BC secondary school with English 12 or First Peoples English with a minimum of a “C” or;
 - ☐ I qualify as a mature student as I am 21 years of age (or will turn 21 during their first semester) and have completed English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12 with a minimum of a “C”.
- ☐ I am in good physical condition and/or able and prepared to participate in field-based activities
- ☐ My personal circumstances permit me to pursue full-time academic studies from January to July 2021

2. Please provide any information you think would be important for us to know that would support your learning in this training program.

Personal safety of all participants is of the utmost concern and will require strict adherence to program COVID-19 safety protocols.

By submitting your application you confirm that you will abide by all local community, institutional and government authority COVID-19 safety protocols for the duration of your enrollment as a participant.

Print Name

Signature

Submit a resume, complete with a cover letter explaining why you are suited for the program and outline future career goals. Include two letters of reference that highlights your suitability for the program; preference of one letter from an indigenous organization and/or contact within or associated with an indigenous program. Students who meet or exceed the minimum admission requirements may not necessarily be admitted to the program.

Submit applications with resume & references to

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