

GENERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE - SHKI MIIKAN (NEW ROAD)

Program: GASK
Credential: Ontario College Certificate
Delivery: Full-time
Length: 2 Semesters
Duration: 1 Year
Effective: Fall 2025
Location: Barrie

Description

During this foundation year, students embark on a personal journey of discovery. Students develop a solid academic base, assess education and career options, and develop self-management skills. Through Indigenous language and teachings, students explore their sense of cultural identity. Traditional teachings and smudging are integrated daily throughout each academic semester in social activities, individual program courses, and Traditional Teacher/Elder visits.

Please note: Indigenous includes First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and Non Status People.

Career Opportunities

Graduates may use the Shki Miikan foundation year as a pathway to further studies at the college level. Others may choose to seek employment in supportive occupations requiring a general education or with organizations that prefer to administer their own training program.

Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. articulate aspects of one's identity in order to embark on a path towards a lifelong wellness journey;
2. practice personal accountability, professionalism, and ethical behaviour when in community;
3. identify generational factors that influence the health, social, and economic issues affecting Indigenous peoples' growth and development;
4. create documents and presentations to communicate ideas and share information in academic and workplace environments;
5. identify sustainable practices in the community to preserve the culture and traditions of Indigenous people within Turtle Island;
6. discuss holistic health as it relates to the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual aspects of one's wellbeing and one's relationship to community;
7. use basic Ojibwe language to communicate and build relationships in the community.

Program Progression

The following reflects the planned progression for full-time offerings of the program.

Fall Intake

- Sem 1: Fall 2025
- Sem 2: Winter 2026

Admission Requirements

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent or mature student status
- Grade 12 English (E, C or U) or Grade 12 Literacy Course (OLC40)

Mature students, non-secondary school applicants (19 years or older), and home school applicants may also be considered for admission. Eligibility may be met by applicants who have taken equivalent courses, upgrading, completed their GED, and equivalency testing. For complete details refer to: www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/academic-regulations/ (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/academic-regulations/>)

Applicants who have taken courses from a recognized and accredited post-secondary institution and/or have relevant life/learning experience may also be considered for admission; refer to the Credit for Prior Learning website for details:

www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/ (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/>)

Graduation Requirements

- 8 Program Courses
- 2 Communications Courses
- 2 General Education Courses

Graduation Eligibility

To graduate from this program, the passing weighted average for promotion through each semester, and to graduate is 60%. Additionally, a student must attain a minimum of 50% or a letter grade of P (Pass) or S (Satisfactory) in each course in each semester unless otherwise stated on the course outline.

Program Tracking

The following reflects the planned course sequence for full-time offerings of the Fall intake of the program. Where more than one intake is offered contact the program co-ordinator for the program tracking.

Semester 1		Hours
Program Courses		
COMP 1003	Microcomputer Applications	42
GNED 1010	Ojibwe Language and Culture 1	42
INDG 1000	Personal Growth and Development	42
INDG 1001	Indigenous Heritage, Tradition and Culture	42
Communications Course		
Select 1 course from the communications list during registration.		42
General Education Course		
Select 1 course from the general education list during registration.		42
Hours		252
Semester 2		
Program Courses		
GNED 2055	Ojibwe Language and Culture 2	42
INDG 1002	Indigenous Community and Family Life	42
INDG 1003	Introduction to Psychology: An Indigenous Perspective	42
INDG 1004	Holistic Health and Healing	42
Communications Course		

Select 1 course from the communications list during registration.	42
General Education Course	
Select 1 course from the general education list during registration.	42
Hours	252
Total Hours	504

Graduation Window

Students unable to adhere to the program duration of one year (as stated above) may take a maximum of two years to complete their credential. After this time, students must be re-admitted into the program, and follow the curriculum in place at the time of re-admission.

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