



Title: Aboriginal Students: Access to Education and Student Support
Category: Education/Student Services – General (Students)
Policy No.: E1001
Replaces: E1001 - Access to Education for First Nations' Learners
E1003 - First Nations' Learner Support Mechanisms
Applicability: All Aboriginal Students
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Approval: _____
President

1. PURPOSE

To outline the College's commitment to enhanced Aboriginal Student access and provision of the support that assists them to succeed at the College.

2. DEFINITIONS

Aboriginal: includes Status or Non-status Indian, Metis and Inuit peoples.

3. AUTHORITY

3.1 Related Acts and Regulations

[B.C. College and Institute Act](#)

3.2 Related Policies

[Aboriginal Education: Consultation with Aboriginal Peoples](#)

4. RELATIONSHIPS WITH COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS

Not applicable.

5. POLICY

- 5.1. Langara College is committed to the concept that Aboriginal students be provided the fullest opportunity to achieve their academic potential in an environment that advocates full access, participation and success.
- 5.2. To increase access to, and participation by, Aboriginal students, Langara College will:
 - a. Secure and maintain a level of funding necessary for the development and coordination of programs and services for Aboriginal students;
 - b. Develop and implement a recruitment program targeted specifically to Aboriginal students;
 - c. Provide Aboriginal students who are under-prepared to participate in college-level programs with the opportunity to receive remedial coursework;
 - d. Develop and maintain partnerships and linkages with other post-secondary institutions with Aboriginal educational programs;
 - e. Compile and publish information pertaining to scholarships, bursaries and sponsorship options available for Aboriginal students.
- 5.3. To maximize the success rate of Aboriginal students at Langara College, the College will provide Aboriginal students with:
 - a. Outreach programs;
 - b. Pre-admission counselling;
 - c. Orientation programs;
 - d. On-going personal and academic advising;
 - e. Referral to community services and agencies;
 - f. Career guidance and planning;
 - g. Academic support and tutoring (e.g., the Learning Centre);
 - h. Library services and resources;
 - i. Financial assistance information.
- 5.4. Langara College will communicate its policy and strategy on Aboriginal education to all employees and the student associations.
- 5.5. The Coordinator, First Nations Education is responsible for the implementation of programs under this policy.

6. GUIDELINES/STANDARDS

Not applicable.

7. EXCEPTIONS

Not applicable.

8. PROCEDURES

Not applicable.

9. RESPONSIBILITY

For inquiries relating to this policy, please contact the Dean of Student Support Services.

10. APPENDICES

Not applicable.