

ABOUT US

Throughout the course development the *wāsākāmā* team works collaboratively with:

- Elders;
- Knowledge Keepers;
- Indigenous communities;
- Outside agencies; and,
- Our guidance circle.

The *wāsākāmā* project is a non-research community-led project. It consists of community consultations and participation, with university credit courses and continuing education micro-credential courses.



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'MAKE A CIRCLE'

END-OF-LIFE CARE IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES



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BACKGROUND

The Indigenous Health Program at the First Nations University of Canada (FNUniv) partnered with the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). It initiated three new programs under a project called *wāsākāmā* (“Make a Circle”). The programs support bringing birthing back to the community and support throughout life. They include:

1. Indigenous Birth Support;
2. End-of-Life Care; and,
2. Sexual & Reproductive Health

The proposed courses will provide added support and training for Indigenous communities and people working in health support systems.

wāsākāmā Programs

Indigenous Birth Support Worker

INHS 100
INHS 140
INHS 145
INHS 149
INHS 200

End of Life Support Worker (UD)

INHS 100
INHS 170
INHS 175
INHS 179
INHS 200

Sexual & Reproductive Health (UD)

INHS 100
INHS 130
INHS 135
INHS 139
INHS 200

wāsākāmā Support Worker Diploma (UD)

IBWC
EoLC
RHWC
INHS 131, INHS 132, Languages, 9 Credit courses



The *wāsākāmā* team works under the [Indigenous Health Program \(INHS\)](#) through the First Nations University of Canada

The End-of-Life Care and Sexual & Reproductive Health Programs complement the existing Indigenous Birth Support Worker Certificate program (IBWC) offered through FNUniv.

The [Indigenous Birth Support Worker Certificate Program \(IBWC\)](#) is an 18-credit program offered at three campuses remotely, with a portion online. Students can take this program full-time over two terms or part-time across one to two years.

Continuing Education - ICEC

15 IBWC badges work toward three micro-credentials:

- Beginner in Perinatal Support
- Intermediate in Perinatal Support
- Advanced in Perinatal Support

When taken along with two more badges, it creates a micro-certificate of **Advanced Perinatal Support**