

Teaching in Indigenous Communities (TIIC) Certificate

Developed by the College of Education and Applied Indigenous Studies

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Are you interested in teaching in and partnering with Indigenous communities?

If you are interested developing understandings around reciprocity, cultural responsiveness, and building meaningful relationships with and in Native communities, the Teaching in Indigenous Communities (TIIC) certificate is for you! This program is open to all undergraduate students, regardless of your degree plan. The TIIC certificate requires 18 credit hours of specialized coursework. Most of this coursework is already required of students in the Elementary Education, Special Elementary Education, and Special Early Childhood Education programs, making the TIIC certificate a nearly seamless addition to these programs.

Students completing the Teaching in Indigenous Communities (TIIC) certificate will:

- Understand the history of American Indian education in the U.S.
- Know and be able to apply core concepts of Indigenous education including the importance of reciprocity and community.
- Recognize the unique assets of Indigenous schools and consider how to center those assets in teaching and learning approaches.



The table to the left shows the courses required for the TIIC certificate. In years 3 and 4, students will complete an experience-based, one-credit course alongside their required courses which will have a specially designed TIIC section. Together, the required course plus the one-credit 346 course will enhance both experience and knowledge by allowing students to apply what has been learned in the classroom to Indigenous contexts.

	Term	Course (Units)
First 2 years	Fall	AIS/BME 260 (3)
	Spring	Elective (3)
Year 3	Fall	EPS 340 (3) and EPS 346 (1)
	Spring	EDF 301W (3) and EDF 346 (1)
Year 4	Fall*	ECI 321 (3) and ECI 346 (1)
	Spring*	ESE 420 (3) and ESE 346 (1)

*In year 4 you may choose to take either the fall or spring course, as required by your major.

** The EPS, EDF, ECI and ESE 3-credit courses will have a special section for the TIIC program.

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