

Come & Connect

The First Nations Centre has been identified by many students as a “home away from home” and we hope to continue that legacy. All of the staff at the First Nations Centre specialize in different areas of student life and are here to help, support, and guide students to success in higher education. We have faith in every student’s ability to succeed and are honoured to be on that journey with you, both culturally and academically.

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

2020/2021

UNBC First Nations Centre

The First Nations Centre (FNC) is honoured to provide holistic support services to students, staff, and faculty at UNBC's Prince George campus on the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh. The First Nations Centre is a culturally safe and accessible space where leadership, academic growth, relationships, and personal supports are fostered.

We offer a wide variety of services, activities, and programs that help to improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal students, create awareness and understanding of Indigenous perspectives and worldviews, and celebrate Aboriginal culture. All are welcome in the First Nations Centre and our team is here to welcome all those who visit or access us.

Due to COVID-19, some spaces, activities, or programs may be more limited than in the past, but the FNC remains open and we are committed to continuing to provide supports whether in-person or online.

First Nations Centre Spaces

The FNC is located in room 7-109 in the Agora Building, behind the Geoffrey R. Weller Library. Our spaces include:

Elders Room (7-110)

A casual place to gather, study, eat or socialize. Our most commonly visited space!

Computer Lab (7-105)

Eight desktop workstations, the FNC library, and a space for tutoring support

Lhuhuhwhezdel: The Gathering Place (5-123)

A cultural space available to host larger events and activities for up to 100 people.

In order to book this space, please contact *UNBC Conference & Event Services*

Nuninusdzut-a: We are thinking in this place (7-102)

A space of absolute silence for students to study and work

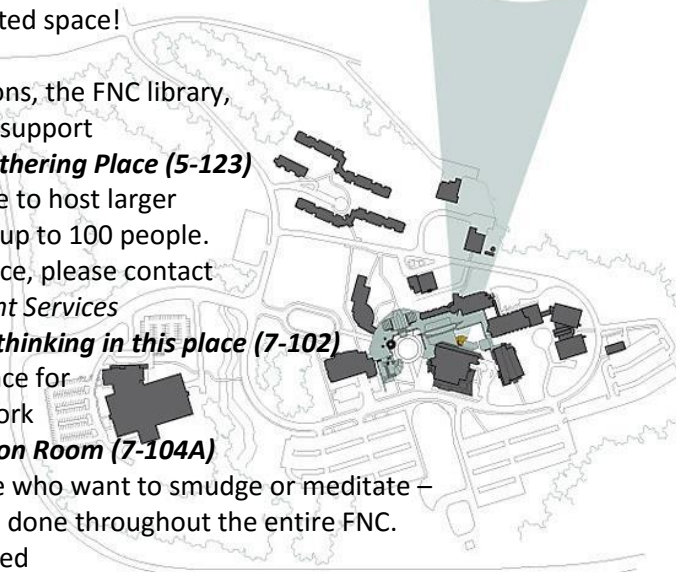
Smudging and Meditation Room (7-104A)

A private space for those who want to smudge or meditate – though smudging can be done throughout the entire FNC.

Medicines can be provided

Wabooz Garden

A beautiful outdoor space – home to many traditional plants, medicines, and animal visitors



Featured Programs and Supports

Elder in Residence

Lheidli T'enneh Elder Marcel Gagnon returns again this year as our Elder in Residence. Elder Marcel helps to ensure that cultural knowledge and activities are accessible to all at UNBC. Elder Marcel hosts regular cultural programming and is also available as a guest lecturer in classrooms and to connect with students one-on-one. Connecting with the Elder in Residence helps to build a sense of community, belonging, and identity through exposure to the supportive environment and cultural activities that they provide.

Cultural Activities

Smudging Ceremonies | Talking Circles | Drum Making | Workshops | Beading & Crafting | Monthly Potlucks | Singing & Storytelling | Drumming | + more

Tutoring Support

Students can improve their skills and understanding in math and writing with in-house tutoring support in partnership with the Academic Success Centre.

Campus Cousins

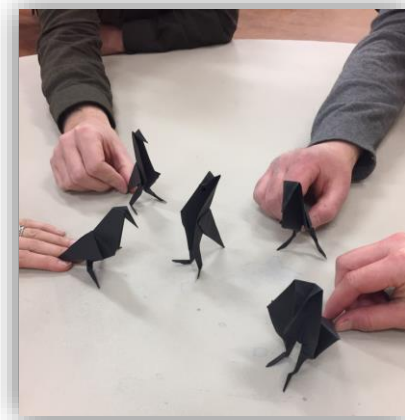
A group of student leaders within the FNC who aim to improve the quality of life for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students at UNBC while building community connections on campus through events and partnerships. Connect with a Campus Cousin who can help you access supports and services, meet other students, find your way around campus, or build a lasting relationship with the First Nations Centre family!

1000 Ravens for Reconciliation

An ancient Japanese legend promises that anyone who folds 1000 origami cranes will be granted one wish. The FNC is working to make 1000 origami ravens in one year to symbolize a University-wide wish for Reconciliation.



Lheidli T'enneh Elder in Residence Marcel Gagnon.



The first 5 of 1000 origami Ravens to be created.