



## FACULTY

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## UNBC DSTC

The Developmental Standard Term Certificate (DSTC) is an Education Diploma university credit program with a minimum of 92 credit hours that prepares individuals to teach an approved First Nations language and culture at the Elementary Years level.

This program of study has been developed in partnership with the Language Authority for each First Nation. This model reflects the current thinking about building on the rich linguistic and cultural heritage of students to optimize the match between educational theory, children's level of cognitive and social development, and the particular First Nations language and culture. Successful completion of this program of study will lead to a recommendation to the BC Ministry of Education, Teacher Regulation Branch, that a DSTC in the specific First Nations Language and Culture be granted.

The Education Diploma in a First Nations Language and Culture is designed to educate teachers to combine pedagogical excellence across disciplinary areas with a learner-centered approach to practice. Philosophically, the program is designed around constructivist principles. It emphasizes approaches to practice such as inquiry-based learning, strategies for instruction, integration of language and culture across the curriculum, inclusion of diverse learners and perspectives, and the development of caring and respectful practice.

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An Education Diploma in a First  
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“In the North – for the North.”

*To prepare leaders for tomorrow by  
influencing the world today.*

## DSTC Credentials

- The full DSTC program will meet the requirements for three separate UNBC credentials:
  - Certificate in First Nations Language
  - Diploma in First Nations Language
  - DSTC Certificate
- Upon successful completion of the DSTC students can transfer their credits to pursue a UNBC undergraduate degree, such as a Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Arts (First Nations Studies), or a Bachelor of Social Work

## Flexible Dates & Course Times

- Scheduling of courses is largely determined by students and instructor availability.
- The aim is to use Fridays and weekends to complete course work to accommodate students who are employed fulltime.
- For example, many courses will run Friday nights (6 pm – 9 pm), all day Saturday, and Sunday mornings.
- Other courses may run once a week for a longer period of time, depending on student needs.

## Gitxsan DSTC Program

### How to Apply

- Each interested applicant must write a **Letter of Intent** before applying to the Gitxsan DSTC Program. This letter must be addressed to the Band’s Educational Committee or representative in order to begin the process of securing funding for the program.
- Provide Audrey Woods or Ed Harrison with your name and email address. Closer to the start date of the Gitxsan DSTC Program, you will be emailed the application process.