Institutional and Systemic Barriers in Indigenous Teacher Education



RECOMMENDATIONS

The following is a list of recommended actions developed from the shared experiences of Indigenous students in teacher education programs.



Create Inclusive Environments

Mandate cultural safety and anti-racism training for staff and students and create clear and accountable reporting systems.



Expand Indigenous Spaces and Services

Create dedicated Indigenous spaces, foster culturally inclusive environments, provide tailored resources, and offer mental health and wellness support services.



Enhance Financial Support and Funding

Provide adequate and equitable financial support and simplify the funding processes for Indigenous students.



Increase Availability of Student Resources

Offer comprehensive financial support and improve communication about available resources to ensure Indigenous students can easily access the support they require.



Establish Culturally Informed Policies

Adopt flexible and culturally informed policies, involve Indigenous perspectives in decision-making, and ensure sustained commitment to reconciliation goals.



Integrate Indigenous Knowledge in Curriculum

Embed Indigenous Knowledge across curricula and equip educators with the skills and support necessary to promote respectful and authentic inclusion.



Provide Accessible Pathways to Education

Hire education navigators and create supports that help Indigenous students navigate post-secondary programs, resources, and services that supports their needs.



Strengthen Indigenous Representation

Increase representation of Indigenous communities within academic settings and create inclusive environments that prioritize Indigenous perspectives and experiences.





