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## NITEP LOCATIONS 2013-2014

**UBC Vancouver**

**Bella Bella**

**Duncan**

**Kamloops-Merritt**

***Call for Expressions of  
Interest to host a NITEP  
Field Centre will be sent  
out in the fall! The new  
field centre will operate  
from Fall 2016 to Spring/  
Summer 2020.***



Melanie McKenna, Secwepemc, was this year's graduating student speaker at the FNHL graduation celebration on May 24, 2014. She shared how proud she was to be a NITEP graduate and how much she enjoyed her experience here.

*"My time here at UBC has brought me friends and family and gave me a chance to connect back to my amazing home community and provided me with memories that will last in my heart for a lifetime."*



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Faculty of Education

# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

NITEP graduates honoured at the FNHL graduation celebration on May 24, 2014. L-R: Rosetta Doolan, Melanie McKenna, Dorothy Johnson, Dustin Thorkelsson. Not pictured: Rose Greene, Justin Boehringer

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## NITEP - UBC's Indigenous Teacher Education Program

NITEP IS THE INDIGENOUS TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. FOUNDED IN 1974, NITEP WAS DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO THE NEED EXPRESSED BY ABORIGINAL PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE FOR A MORE RELEVANT AND EFFECTIVE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM.

Students earn a Bachelor of Education degree (Elementary or Secondary) that builds upon Aboriginal identity and culture, while preparing and challenging them to be effective educators for band-operated, independent and public schools.

In addition to the Urban Centre on the UBC Vancouver campus, NITEP is also offered at field centres in Bella Bella, Duncan, and Kamloops. These centres allow students to maintain their connection to home and community while pursuing their education. NITEP Coordinators teach in the program and assist students with course planning, advising, and arranging for tutors. The cohort structure of NITEP allows students to bond and become a family as they experience the program together. Students have likened their experience to a canoe journey; the more they pull together the easier it becomes.

### NEW NITEP AWARD

NITEP wishes to thank the generous donor who contributed funds to create the **NITEP Aurora Award**: An award of \$3,000 in support of a student entering the first year of NITEP. Only one student receives the award each year. Preference will be given to a mature student in financial need. The award is made on the recommendation of NITEP.

More information on this and other NITEP awards can be found at:

<http://nitep.educ.ubc.ca/students/awards/>

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**2014 AEA PSA Conference  
Call for Proposals  
Indigenous Education and  
Residential Schools  
October 24, 2014**

UBC First Nations Longhouse  
1985 West Mall  
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z2  
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Co-hosted by NITEP and the BCTF Aboriginal Education Association

**Subthemes:**

- *Empowering Teachers to Teach about Residential Schools*
- *Understanding Intergenerational Trauma and Effects*
- *Working Towards Reconciliation: Sharing Indigenous Educational Approaches*

Workshops should be approximately one hour in length including time for questions. The deadline for proposals is August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Submit workshop proposals here:

<http://nitep.educ.ubc.ca/2014-aea-psa-conference-call-for-proposals/>



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Education  
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Hands Back...Hands Forward

# NITEP'S 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Join us for a night of fun with family, friends and colleagues as we celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NITEP at the UBC First Nations Longhouse. All are welcome!

**Thursday, October 23, 2014**

**First Nations Longhouse, UBC**

**Time 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

RSVP here: <http://nitep.educ.ubc.ca/niteps-40th-anniversary-celebration-rsvp/>



**Have photos or stories to share?  
Send them to [nitep.educ@ubc.ca](mailto:nitep.educ@ubc.ca)  
by August 15<sup>th</sup>**



## OFFICE OF INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

The Master of Education (M.Ed.) cohort members featured in the photo on the right are completing their final capstone project this summer.

Their program focuses on Indigenous Knowledges & Pedagogies. The Department of Language and Literacy Education, and the Offices of Indigenous Education and External Programs and Learning Technology partnered to offer this cohort program.

The faculty advisors included Drs. Jan Hare and Jo-ann Archibald. Students and family members celebrated the conclusion of their program on July 10, 2014.

Back row, L-R: Kaeleigh Hiebert, Jennifer Sherif, Omar Kassis, Kirk Gummow, Suke Padam, Jan Hare  
Middle row, L-R: Talia London, Asia Cormier, Trish Ryder, Roxane Letterlough, Angela Peters-Oddy, Jo-ann Archibald.  
Front row, L-R: Marjorie Dumont, Lori Phillip, Chaz Desjarlais, Peggy Janicki, Terri Mae Galligos



We would like to welcome Dr. Alanaise Goodwill, Assistant Professor, who joined Counselling Psychology in the Department of

Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education on July 2, 2014

Would you like to nominate someone as an honorary NITEP Graduate? Visit our facebook page to find the nomination form and criteria:

<https://www.facebook.com/NITEP.UBC>

Submit nominations to [nitep.educ@ubc.ca](mailto:nitep.educ@ubc.ca) or 604-822-8944 by July 31<sup>st</sup>

Do you have an Early Childhood Education (ECE) Certificate or Diploma from TRU, NVIT, or NEC? We now have transfer agreements with each institution. Apply today and have your ECE credits transfer towards your degree!

Contact the NITEP office for more information  
604-822-5465 or [nitep.educ@ubc.ca](mailto:nitep.educ@ubc.ca)



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