

# FOUNDATION PROGRAM - PIMÂCIHISOWIN

## Overview

### *School of Continuing Education*

MacEwan/PFP (<https://www.macewan.ca/academics/programs/foundation-program-pimacihisowin/>)

The pimâcihisowin Foundation Program (PFP) is a study program designed to provide students with the skills needed to be successful in a post-secondary diploma or degree.

pimâcihisowin, which means “to create a life of independence” in Cree, is designed to address the gap between your high school credential and the requirements you need to be admitted into a post-secondary diploma or degree program. Geared primarily towards Indigenous students, pimâcihisowin includes cultural support, mentorship and ceremonial events that help you achieve your post-secondary goals.

The PFP is geared primarily towards Indigenous students and offers culturally appropriate education.

## Program Completion

Successful completion of this program prepares students for further post-secondary studies at the undergraduate level. Upon completion of the pimâcihisowin Foundation Program, students are required to apply to a degree or diploma program. Completion of this program does not guarantee admission to another program.

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## Program Requirements

The pimâcihisowin Foundation Program:

1. Provides Indigenous students the opportunity to meet admission requirements to a diploma-level or baccalaureate-level program
2. Offers students a supportive academic environment and an opportunity to gain transferable skills for a diploma or degree program
3. Includes a pimâcihisowin course, academic/life skills, tutoring and cultural supports throughout the program

Each student will receive:

- Up to 6 hours of individual/group mentorship per term
- a pimâcihisowin orientation (9 hours over 2 days), held prior to classes; the orientation will include university life skills, basic life skills and connections to resources and supports in the City of Edmonton and MacEwan University.
- A minimum of two Indigenous focused non-credit seminars per term, offered through kihêw waciston yearly programming
- Up to three high school equivalent courses per term to fulfill admission requirements or for competitive entry to programs

- Up to nine credits of post-secondary courses over two-to-three terms. These courses can be used by students to fulfill elective requirements.

## Admission Requirements

### Regular admission

Applicants must have a high school diploma and be 17 years of age by the beginning of the intake term.

### Mature admission

Applicants must be 20 years of age or older and have been out of full-time high school for at least 1 year by the beginning of the intake term. High School diploma not required for mature students, but applicants must have a minimum of 50% in English 10-1 or English 10-2 (or equivalent).