

# Aboriginal Resource Guide



# Acknowledgments

## First Nations Traditional Territory

The College of New Caledonia is honoured to work with the Aboriginal communities in this region, inclusive of the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. We acknowledge the graciousness of the First Nations peoples in welcoming those seeking knowledge on their traditional territories.



Lake Babine Na

Wet'suwet'en First Nation

Burns Lake

Ts'il Kaz Koh (Burns Lake Band)

Skin Tye Nation

Nee Tahi Buhn Band

Cheslatta Carrier Nation

Lhoosk'u



Kwadacha Nation

Tsay Keh Dene Nation

Mackenzie

Takla Nation

Ekooche First Nation

Tl'azt'en Nation

McLeod Lake Indian Band (Tse'Khene Nation)

Binche Whut'en First Nation

Fort St. James

Nak'azdli Whut'en

Nadleh Whut'en First Nation

Lheidli T'enneh First Nation

Vanderhoof

Prince George

Fraser Lake

Saik'uz First Nation

Stellat'en First Nation

McBride

z Dene Nations

Nazko First Nation

Quesnel

Lhtako Dene Nation

Valemount

?Esdilagh (Alexandria) First Nation





# The Aboriginal Resource Centre (ARC)

The ARC is a safe and inclusive space where Indigenous students can find a welcoming open-door policy at each CNC campus.

ARC staff liaise with CNC student service areas, as well as local Indigenous communities and organizations, to support student success and belonging. We encourage you to connect with ARC staff, participate in cultural events and activities, and access programs and services throughout your student journey at CNC.





# Aboriginal Student Services

**The Aboriginal Resource Centres provide unique resources, cultural events, and in-house services to support your learning and success. The following services are available to all Indigenous students at CNC, no matter the home campus.**

## Academic & Career Planning

Do you have questions regarding academic planning? Unsure of which career path is best for you? Connect with an Academic Advisor.



## Counselling Services

Maintaining your mental and emotional health is important to your academic success and personal well-being. CNC Student Services and Health and Wellness are here to support you in reaching your goals.



## Aboriginal Liaisons

The Aboriginal Liaisons provide culturally safe services to Indigenous students to support their academic success and personal well-being. Liaisons work hard to engage Indigenous students in the rich student life offered by CNC. They support cultural events and help students connect with instructors and support services at CNC and in the community. Wherever you are in your education journey, from applying to graduation, the Liaisons are here to assist and encourage you.

## Aboriginal Student Funding

If you're looking for assistance paying for college, check out these resources. There are several Aboriginal Awards that can be applied for as well as resources for additional financial aid.





# Indigenous Student Housing

## Prince George Campus

### Nahoonai-a: “To find” or “To rediscover”

Named by Lheidli T’enneh First Nation Elder Josie Paul, the building is called Nahoonai-a, which means “to find” or “to rediscover.” Nahoonai-a is located next to the main student housing building, a short walk to and from your classes.

Nahoonai-a is designed as a culturally safe, supportive, and traditional community experience for Indigenous students.

Students may stay in Nahoonai-a for a maximum of one year. After that, students may apply to the Main Building. In some special cases where students need to extend their stay for special program dates, weekly or nightly rates may apply.

### Be part of a thriving community.

- Live in an environment that feels like home.
- Take part in cultural activities: making drums, dream catchers, medicine pouches, and more.
- Connect one-on-one with the resident Elder.

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Enjoy living centrally so that you can access everything you need to feel safe, comfortable, and at home.



Pine Centre Mall



CN Centre &  
Fair Grounds



Grocery Stores



Aquatic Centre



Nearby Transit

# COLLEGE OF NEW CALEDONIA LAKES DISTRICT CAMPUS

## Burns Lake

### Tiz Beyikh “Place of the Talking Stick”

The Burns Lake campus is on the unceded and occupied traditional territories of six local First Nations: Cheslatta Carrier Nation, Wet’suwet’en First Nation, Lake Babine Nation, Skin Tye Nation, Nee Tahi Buhn Band, and Ts’il Kaz Koh Nation. We acknowledge their graciousness for welcoming knowledge-seekers to their territory.

The CNC Lakes campus Aboriginal Resource Centre (ARC) is a safe and inclusive space where you can experience a friendly, and welcoming, open-door policy. The ARC features a quiet space and a comfortable lounge area for you to have lunch and socialize. We also have a wide variety of cultural resources available to students.

### Highlights

The ARC staff provide in-depth knowledge of Aboriginal culture and work to provide culturally relevant hands-on programs. Some of these programs and workshops include:

- Drum making workshops
- Traditional cooking and bannock making
- Indigenous coffee/tea talks with elders
- Cultural art projects and workshops

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My name is Christie, I’m Gitxsan First Nation from the Hazelton area. I have lived in the Lakes District for most of my life. I was thankful for the programs offered by CNC Lakes campus. In 2015 to 2016 I was in the Health Care Assistant program, I found work at our local long term care facility. While I loved working as a care aide; I knew I wanted to do more, that’s when a coworker along with many others approached CNC about the practical nurse program. Thankfully we were able to get the program at the Lakes campus. I’m thankful for the local nurses who trained us. I currently hold a position at The Pines, a long term care home as a Licensed Practical Nurse and a casual position at our local hospital.



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# Fort St. James

The Fort St. James campus sits on the traditional and unceded territory of the Nak'azdli First Nation. We also serve the First Nation communities of the Yekooche, Takla, Tl'az'ten, and Binche Whut'en.

The ARC staff at CNC Fort St. James actively work to promote and support Aboriginal student success. You will have the opportunity to participate in culturally relevant activities, and access resources when you need them. Receive assistance with sponsorships and get connected with student and community services that support your success.

## Highlights

- Land based healing activities:
  - Medicine learning
  - Yoga
  - Painting
- Fireweed Safe Haven cooking and baking classes

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Kyle Aslin, a 31-year-old Fort St. James resident and member of the Tl'azt'en Nation, took the Job Options Program at his hometown campus and completed it with near-perfect attendance. That portion of the program ended with a two-week practicum and he excelled there, too.

*"I was determined to get my upgrading and improve my skills,"* said Kyle, whose band office had informed him about the CNC opportunity.

## Access Community Resources

Access additional community resources in Fort St. James including health and wellness resources, community services, and information on local parks and recreation.



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# Mackenzie

## Dana'Chea!

The Mackenzie campus sits on the traditional and unceded territory of the Macleod Lake Indian Band and also provides services to the Tsay Key Dene and Kwadacha Frist Nations.

The Aboriginal Advisor/ Liaison at CNC Mackenzie offers students access to information about entering college, choosing career paths, and accessing funding to attend school. Working together, we can help you be successful at CNC.

### Highlights

At CNC Mackenzie, you can access a variety of services, events, programs and workshops designed for Aboriginal students.

- Cultural awareness
- One-on-one mentoring
- Indigenous beading & storytelling workshops
- Cultural art projects and workshops
- Indigenous guest speakers
- Indigenous book & movie night

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I learned to embrace who I am and incorporate that into every ounce of my being. Whether it's parenting, studying or working, I learned the importance of Indigenizing my process.

**Carrie Darcey Davis**  
Indigenous CNC Alumni



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# Prince George

The Prince George campus sits on the traditional unceded territory of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation. We acknowledge their graciousness for welcoming knowledge-seekers to their territory.

At the Prince George ARC, Indigenous students have access to a drop-in study room, computer lab, and a culturally safe space where we provide a 'friendly listening post' whenever possible. ARC staff provide culturally relevant resources and activities to connect students with their culture. They are there to encourage your engagement in CNC student life and support your academic and personal success.

## Highlights:

- Cultural workshops
- Student success seminars
- Professional development workshops

## Our Team

### Student Navigator

The Navigator builds relationships with students beginning in high school, and through their transition into CNC. From there, the Navigator is actively engaged in ensuring Indigenous learners have the connections they need to feel supported in their student experience at CNC.

### Academic Advisor

The Advisor helps you set your educational goals and assists you in self-planning to achieve them. They work with student services to ensure that Indigenous learners are provided holistic and culturally appropriate services to help you thrive in your studies at CNC.

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Hadih! My name is Kiaya Morrisey and I am from Takla Lake First Nation. I belong to the Bear Clan. I moved to Prince George to pursue my education goals. I am enrolled in the Associate of Arts: Psychology Diploma program. The ARC has really helped my academic journey because it gives me a quiet place to study, easier access to tutors, and it's a safe space to learn about and practice my culture.



### Cultural Advisor

The Cultural Advisor provides cultural supports and guidance that enhances students' well-being and sense of belonging. The Cultural Advisor is a guide and mentor to students and works with faculty to teach traditional protocols and cross-cultural sharing.

### Tutors

Tutors in the ARC are faculty members with expertise in teaching English, Math, and Science. If you are experiencing difficulties or need some guidance in these topic areas, please see an ARC tutor to arrange one-on-one or group tutoring.



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# Quesnel

## Dahooja!

The Quesnel Campus sits on the unceded traditional territory of the Lhtako Dené First Nation. We also serve the First Nation communities of Nazko, ʔEsdilagh and Lhoosk'uz Dene.

In collaboration with the Aboriginal Advisor/ Liaison, CNC Quesnel provides culturally safe services and facilities to Aboriginal Students. We offer students access to information about entering college, choosing career paths, and accessing funding to attend school. Working together, we will assist you in your educational journey at CNC.

### Highlights

- Indigenous workshops such as beading and ribbon skirt/ shirt making
- Greenhouse Project – grow traditional medicine plants
- Craft supplies for Indigenous students
- Culturally safe quiet space
- Elder in Residence Program
- Ceremonial smudging
- Carrier Language courses

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Métis 2nd Year Nursing student Olivia Therrien receiving the Mary John Award of Excellence at Convocation 2023 at the CNC Quesnel campus for her volunteer work with Indigenous Elders, MMIW, wildcrafting, traditional medicines, greenhouse project, Women's Resource Centre, and the Quesnel Fire Department.



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# Vanderhoof

The Vanderhoof campus sits on the unceded territory of the Saik'uz First Nation. We also serve the Nadleh Whut'en and Stellat'en First Nations.

The Aboriginal Liaison promotes and supports Aboriginal student success by providing access to Aboriginal resources and culturally relevant activities. The Aboriginal Liaison assists students with entering college, choosing career paths, and accessing funding to attend school.

## Highlights

- Cultural events and teachings
- Celebrating or commemorating significant Indigenous events
- Indigenous guest Elders

## Access Community Resources

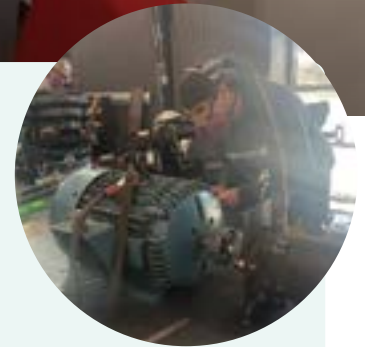
The District of Vanderhoof provides a wide array of local resources for our students. For current information on what is happening around town, please visit [vanderhoof.ca](http://vanderhoof.ca)



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Levi represents his communities of Burns Lake and the Saik'uz First Nation. Levi strives to be a role model to inspire other Indigenous students to succeed.



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# Mary John Award of Excellence

**In recognition of her achievements, the Mary John Award of Excellence is presented annually to a CNC student who exemplifies Mary's community service and dedication to language and cultural revitalization. The Award is open to all Indigenous students of the College of New Caledonia.**

The award recipient will be presented with a ring, commissioned specifically for the Mary John Award. In addition, they will be given a \$500 bursary for CNC and will be publicly acknowledged at Convocation.

Each year, the recipient's name is placed on a plaque for a shadow box containing a collage of Dr. Mary John's legacy.

## Who can qualify?

The award recipient must be a CNC student of Aboriginal ancestry, and must demonstrate the following qualities:

- Mentoring and supporting others.
- Acting as a role model and/ or serving their local community.
- Able to cross cultural and social boundaries, furthering reconciliation.

In 1996, Dr. Mary John was granted an honorary doctorate from UNBC, in 1997 she received the Order of Canada for outstanding service to her community, and in 2003 the Queen's Jubilee medal - a fitting legacy for someone who championed everything from cultural preservation to First Nations rights. All northern communities have benefited in some way from her brave and selfless efforts and she remains an exceptional role model in First Nations communities.



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# Connect with us



## Questions?

Contact Recruitment at  
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## Connect with a Recruiter

Our knowledgeable recruiters can help you find the right program and assist you through the application process.



## Take a Campus Tour

Come see for yourself by booking a campus tour. Here, you will have the chance to ask questions, check out classrooms and facilities, and discover the services that will be available to you as a valued CNC student.



## Try Student for a Day

We believe in the importance of carefully selecting the right program for you. Student for a Day allows you to try it out in advance! Sign up today so that you can know for sure that it's the right fit.



## Join an Information Session

Let us answer your questions while you discover the programs and courses offered by CNC. Attend one of our in-person or virtual information sessions.

**Get Started at [cnc.bc.ca/future](http://cnc.bc.ca/future) or contact the Aboriginal Liaison at your campus.**

# Apply Today



### Step 1: Find Your Program

- View all available programs and courses online.

### Step 2: Apply

- Apply online at [cnc.bc.ca/apply](http://cnc.bc.ca/apply).

### Step 3: Submit Documentation

- Once you've applied, the Admissions team will contact you with next steps.
- Make sure you submit your high school transcript

# Learning together, changing lives, creating futures.

**Ihulh whuts'odutel'eh** (we will learn together),  
**Ihk'enazdulkat** (we change ourselves),  
**nus 'uztelelh** (we will create the future).

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