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FUTURE**



**GABRIEL DUMONT INSTITUTE
of Métis Studies and Applied Research**



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Gabriel Dumont

M I S S I O N

“**T**o promote the renewal and development of Metis culture through research, materials development, collection and distribution of those materials and the design, development and delivery of Metis-specific educational programs and services.”



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DESCRIPTION OF THE INSTITUTE

The Gabriel Dumont Institute of Metis Studies and Applied Research is the educational arm of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan. The Institute is the only wholly Metis owned and controlled educational institution of its kind in Canada. The Institute is responsible for the design, development and delivery of specific educational and cultural programs and services. While the Institute is affiliated with the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina and federated with the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology, the Institute has maintained its independence and distinct Metis identity.

Through its network of learning centres across Saskatchewan, the Institute maintains a close contact with the people it serves. The programs and activities of the Institute are determined by the

identified needs of the Metis and implemented according to the decisions of its Board of Governors.

The Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Governors oversee the policies and operations of:

- **Gabriel Dumont Institute central operations, which include finance and administration, library services, curriculum development and research;**
- **Dumont Technical Institute — technical and vocational programs;**
- **Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program — Saskatoon, Regina and Prince Albert;**
- **Gabriel Dumont College — Arts and Science Program; and**
- **Other University programming in association with the Universities of Regina and Saskatchewan.**



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E V O L U T I O N

O F T H E I N S T I T U T E

1976 Metis Cultural Conference initiated planning for a Metis Educational Institute.

1980 The Gabriel Dumont Institute is formed and the Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (SUNTEP) began operations.

First Annual Cultural Conference is hosted by the Institute.

1983 Initiation of federally sponsored preparatory, credit skill training, and university programs.

1985 The Napoleon LaFontaine Scholarship Foundation is established.

1987 The Institute undertakes co-management of the Native Services Division within SIAST.

1989 The Institute begins publication of the Journal of Indigenous Studies.

Saskatchewan Justice and the Institute establish the first residential Community Training Residence (CTR) for female offenders in Saskatchewan.

1991 The Dumont Technical Institute (DTI) was established as a federated institute of SIAST.

1992 Master Agreement between the Institute and Saskatchewan Education providing for the operation of DTI. DTI delivers technical and Adult Basic Education (ABE) programming within all provincial community colleges and SIAST institutions.

1993 The Institute signs an Affiliation Agreement with the University of Saskatchewan creating the Gabriel Dumont College (GDC).

1995 A two year Metis Teacher Associate Certificate Program was developed by the Institute and the University of Saskatchewan.

1996 Gabriel Dumont College began offering Arts and Science classes.

O V E R V I E W

SPECIAL FEATURES OF GDI PROGRAMS

All programs offered by the Gabriel Dumont Institute, the Dumont Technical Institute, and Gabriel Dumont College are designed with a number of special features:

- Programs are, for the most part, community based.
- Most programs offer a preparatory phase of training or run concurrent update courses with regular programming when the course begins.
- All courses offer Metis Studies programming and are sensitive to Metis culture.
- Programs provide comprehensive academic and personal counselling support to students.
- Whenever possible an applied practicum phase is included as an integral part of all programs.
- All training and professional education is fully accredited and recognized.
- Instruction and programming is of the highest quality.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

GED and technical Pathways or NSIM sponsored students

- programming costs are covered and the students are provided with a living allowance while they are attending full-time studies.

University Programming (GDC and SUNTEP)

- The tuition fees of qualified students of Metis ancestry are paid by the program.
- Most SUNTEP and GDC students borrow money from the Canada and Saskatchewan Student Loan programs while attending University.
- Sixty weeks of this debt are forgivable for eligible SUNTEP students who are academically successful.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the entrance requirements of the specific program in which they wish to enrol. Applicants who meet the following standards are considered for admission into the GDC/SUNTEP program:

- Regular university entrance requirements:
Grade 12 with a 65 percent average in 7 approved courses. (Fine Arts and/or a language at the 30 level are entrance requirements at the U of S).
- Special (Mature) admissions (University Entrance Program) are allowed for individuals who are over twenty-one years of age; ABE or GED 12 preferred.

APPLICATION

Because entrance requirements and admission deadlines may vary, students are encouraged to contact SUNTEP, GDC, GDI or DTI directly for admission and programming information.

STUDENT SELECTION

Applicants will be interviewed by an admissions committee. Successful applicants should demonstrate:

- A commitment to the program and a strong desire to work toward becoming effective in their chosen area of study.
- The ability and willingness to undertake full-time studies and continue the program to its completion.
- A strong commitment to the Metis community.

- A strong interest in learning about Metis culture and working with and for the Metis community.

PROGRAM SUPPORT SERVICES

Curriculum Development Unit

- develops Metis specific curriculum to be used in Saskatchewan classrooms.
- responsible for publishing of educational material.
- responsible for Institute promotions and curriculum sales.

Library Information Services

- located in Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert.
- provides computerized library services for all GDI students.
- provides a unique collection specific to Metis history and culture.
- provides Internet access as well as student access to a computer lab for word processing.

Research and Development Unit

- research and policy analysis.
- community needs surveys.
- program proposals and implementation.
- short and long term strategic planning.
- liaison and advisory services.



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G A B R I E L D U M O N T C O L L E G E

GDC delivers the first two years of a Bachelor of Arts and Science degree. GDC courses are available to all Metis people who meet the entrance requirements and who are accepted by the College. Non-Metis may apply and be enrolled in GDC courses.



***Saskatchewan
Urban Native Teacher
Education Program
(SUNTEP)***

SUNTEP was established in 1980 and has graduated over 320 teachers with their Bachelor of Education Degrees. SUNTEP is a four year fully accredited Bachelor of Education program, offered by the Gabriel Dumont Institute in co-operation with the Saskatchewan Department of Education, the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan. The program is offered in three urban centres - Prince Albert, Saskatoon, and Regina.

For the first two years of their studies, SUNTEP students attend classes at a SUNTEP location. The final two years include a four month internship and may include class work at one of the university campuses in an elementary, middle years, or secondary program.

The SUNTEP program includes Native Studies and cross-cultural education with an emphasis on Metis/Indian history and culture. A substantial amount of time is spent in schools working with teachers and students. Most of this field work is done in urban centres. The program provides a solid foundation in the theories and skills of teaching.

SUNTEP graduates have gained excellent reputations as teachers and role models in schools across western Canada. Their training combines a sound academic education with extensive classroom experience and a thorough knowledge of issues facing students in our society.

The primary Goals of SUNTEP are:

- "To ensure that students of Metis ancestry are well prepared to enter the teaching profession in Saskatchewan."
- "To ensure that SUNTEP graduates are educated to be sensitive to the individual educational needs of all students, and those of Indian/Metis ancestry in particular."

Metis Teacher Associate Program

Gabriel Dumont College, in conjunction with the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan, has developed a two year Metis Teacher Associate Program. This certificate program is based upon a foundation similar to that of SUNTEP with a strong professional, academic and practicum component. The program is designed to be delivered on-site in Metis communities.

DUMONT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Dumont Technical Institute is the adult upgrading and technical training arm of the Gabriel Dumont Institute of Metis Studies and Applied Research.

- DTI is responsible for the design, development and delivery of Adult Basic Education, Cultural Programs and services.
- DTI was established in 1992 to serve the educational and technical needs of the Metis of Saskatchewan.

Types of Programs Available

- Adult Basic Education
- GED Preparatory and Testing
- Technical Programs

Support Services

- Student Financing
- DTI is designed so that the students receive the following:

- 1) academic and personal counselling from the instructors and counselling staff.
- 2) tutoring is provided by tutorial counsellors or instructors who are contracted to tutor in specific areas.
- 3) the program maintains contact with the sponsoring agencies, e.g., Saskatchewan Education, Training and Employment, Pathways, HRDC, and the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.
- 4) Referrals for student assistance.

Student Sponsorship

- Referrals from New Careers and the Native Advisory Committee.
- DTI sponsored courses and seats at SIAST and Saskatchewan's Regional Colleges.
- Students can be sponsored by the Pathways to Success Program.
- Students can access the Canada and Saskatchewan Student Loan Program.



OTHER INSTITUTE PROGRAMS

The Institute has implemented a wide variety of additional education and training offerings. Many of these programs have been delivered in cooperation with the University of Regina, the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Education, Training and Employment and the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology.

Past and Present Programs Include:

- Agricultural Mechanics
 - Business Administration
 - Chemical Dependency Worker
 - Community Economic Development
 - Early Childhood Development
 - Health Care Administration
 - Heavy Equipment Operator Training
 - Home Care/Special Care Aide
 - Integrated Resource Management
 - Job Readiness and Upgrading
 - Metis Management Studies
 - Metis Entrepreneurial Training
 - Metis Housing
 - Metis Social Work
 - Native Human Justice
 - Radio and Television Electronics
 - Recreation Technology
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