



Eligible Post-Secondary INSTITUTIONS

INAC BC Region Post-Secondary Student Support Program Funding

As per the INAC *Post-Secondary Education National Program Guidelines (2003)*, for the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) "eligible post-secondary institutions are degree, diploma or certificate granting institutions which are recognized by a province (or territory) and include educational institutions affiliated with, or delivering post-secondary programs by arrangement with an eligible post-secondary institution".

In BC, this means that all eligible institutions will meet **one** of the following:

- 1) Be included on the BC public post-secondary schools list at www.aved.gov.bc.ca/institutions/welcome.htm, or
- 2) Be included on the Designated Schools list with the Ministry of Advanced Education and the BC Student Assistance Program at www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/welcome.htm, or
- 3) Be included on the Master List of Designated Schools (for Canada and the United States) at <http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/main/designated/ldi.shtml>, or
- 4) have an affiliation agreement with a public post-secondary institution or a Designated School, or,
- 5) be delivering a program on behalf of a public post-secondary institution or a Designated School or for an institution affiliated with such a school.

Each student file should include clear documentation of institutional eligibility, including the copies of any agreements linking it to a public post-secondary school or an institution on the Designated Schools list.

It is also necessary to document that the student's specific **program** is part of the affiliation or service agreement, if applicable, and that the program is eligible on its own behalf under INAC's guidelines.

Please refer to INAC's *Education Programs and Services Handbook (2005)*, including the First Nations Education Steering Committee *First Nations Post-Secondary Education Handbook for BC Region (2005)*, for more detailed information on program guidelines and file management.



Institutional Eligibility – Question and Answers

- Q: How do I determine if a school is eligible (when it is not a BC public post-secondary institution)?
- A: Check the Designated Schools List at www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/ila/ or search the list for a specific school or generate a list by geographic location at www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/welcome.htm. The BC list of Designated Schools can also be found at www.canlearn.ca following the links to the Master List of Designated Educational Institutions. (This list also includes Designated Schools in Canada and the United States.)

TIP: the student should confirm the transferability of credits, particularly when looking at an out-of-province institution.

- Q: What are the criteria for Designated Schools?
- A: Please visit www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/ila/ to review the criteria. This site also includes forms for institutions seeking designation and for programs seeking BCSAP eligibility.

Institutional Eligibility - Examples

- 1) A student may wish to take an *Early Childhood Education Development Program* through a School Board or an Aboriginal organization or institution. Their file should include documentation that the school/centre in question is affiliated with a Designated School for this program (and that the program is eligible under the PSSSP guidelines).
- 2) A student may wish to take a *Cosmetology* program at a private school. This would be eligible if the school is on the Designated Schools List (and the program is eligible under the PSSSP). The student file should include a reference to the Designated Schools List and a copy of the program admission requirements and curriculum outline to demonstrate eligibility.

For more information contact your Band office and/or your Funding Services Officer at INAC BC Region at (604) 666-5171 or 1-800-665-9320.