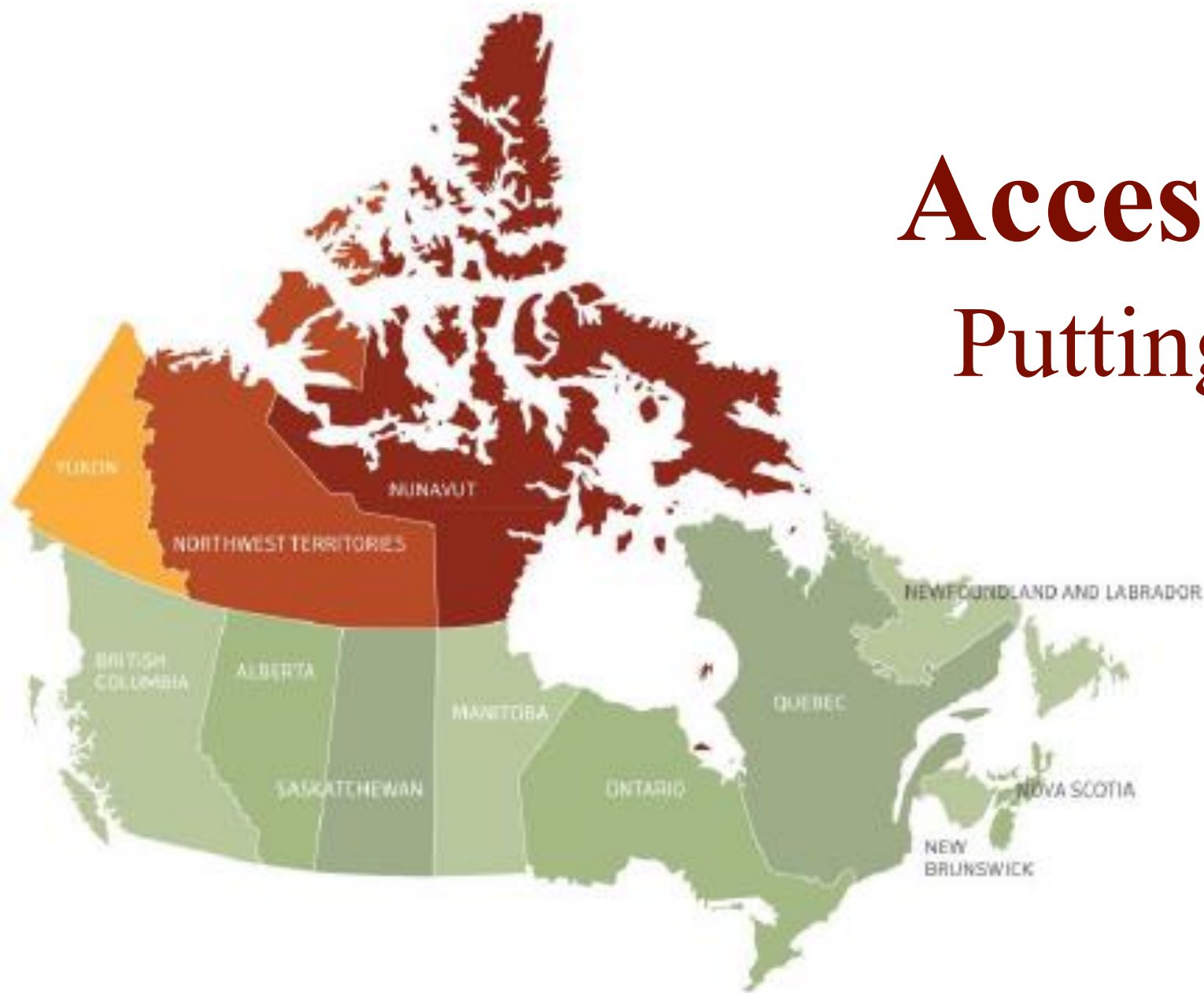


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# Access in Practice

Putting great ideas to work





# Yukon at a Glance



482,443 km<sup>2</sup> Yukon land mass

28,455 Whitehorse population

15 small rural communities

Destruction Bay - Population 35

Dawson City - Population 1,325

1 fly in community - Old Crow

Yukon Population

37,183



First Nation Population

7,650

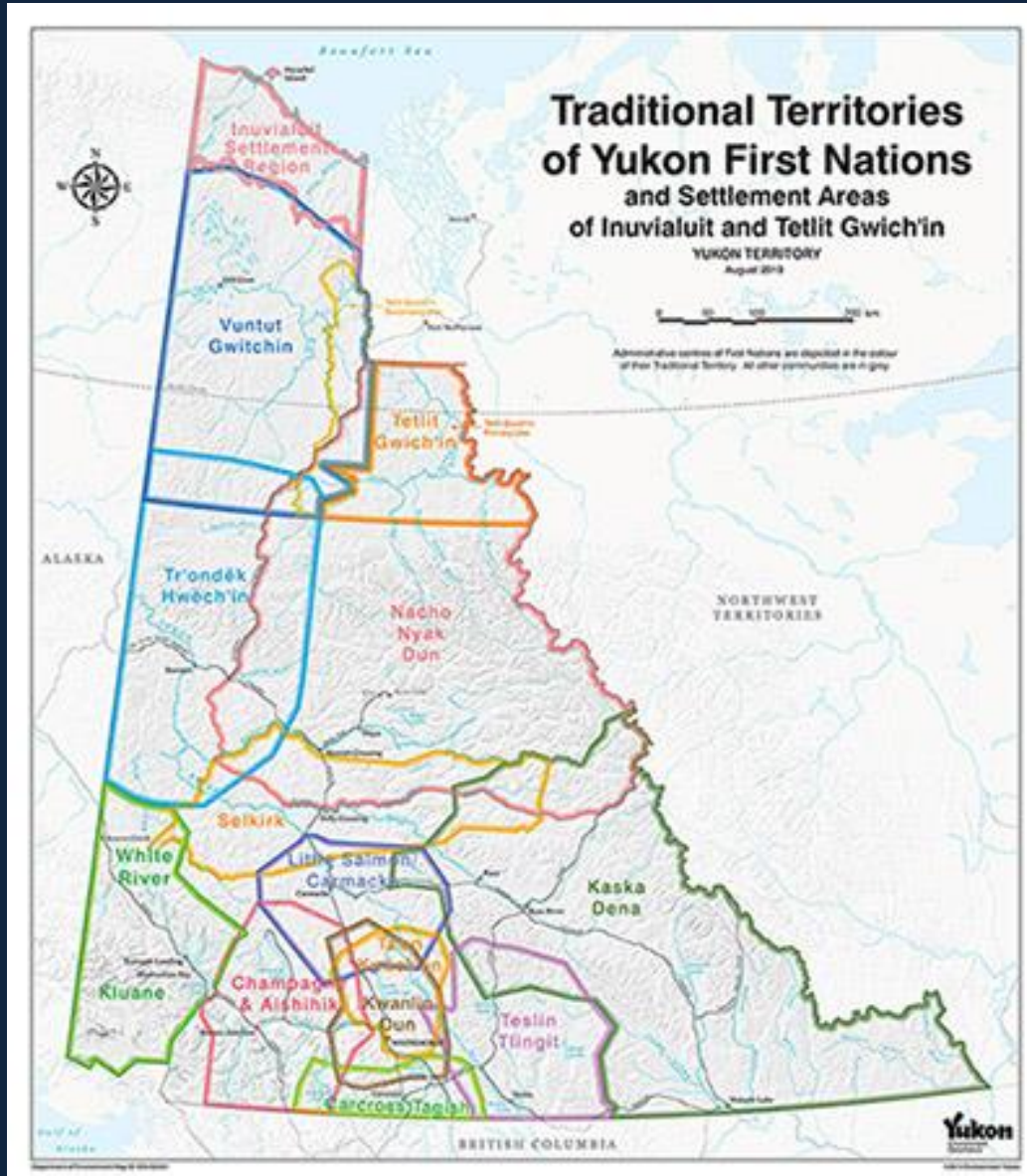


= 2 thousand

Birth Rate

15.8%

Yukon Bureau of Stats, 2014



14 First Nations

11 FNs with self-governing agreements

Rich and diverse traditions and cultures

Acknowledgement of FN rights, traditional knowledge, duty to consult



YUKON RESEARCH CENTRE  
Yukon College

# Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future

Summary of the  
Final Report of the  
Truth and Reconciliation  
Commission of Canada



“Quit whining. It’s the same distance.”





# Community Engagement



# Partnership

- ★ Education Summit
- ★ Sunrise Report

Provide Direction

Programming  
Recommendations

Participate in  
Internal Reviews

Increase First Nation  
Involvement

Principles Important  
To First Nations

Achieve Higher Success  
For Students

Curriculum  
Development

## President's Advisory Committee On First Nations Initiatives



# PACFNI



## Mission:

"PACFNI will provide strategic direction to Yukon College, specifically the Board of Governors' and the Senior Management Team. This high profile committee will play an important role by assisting Yukon College in its goal to increase the effectiveness of programs and services offered, with the ultimate goal being the success of all Yukon College students."

# What is indigenization?

## DRAFT DEFINITION

*At Yukon College, the journey of Indigenization is grounded in the equal recognition, inclusion, and integration of Indigenous values, cultures, languages, and ways of knowing and doing into the fabric of Yukon College's programs, services, governance, policies, and space.*



# Core Competency



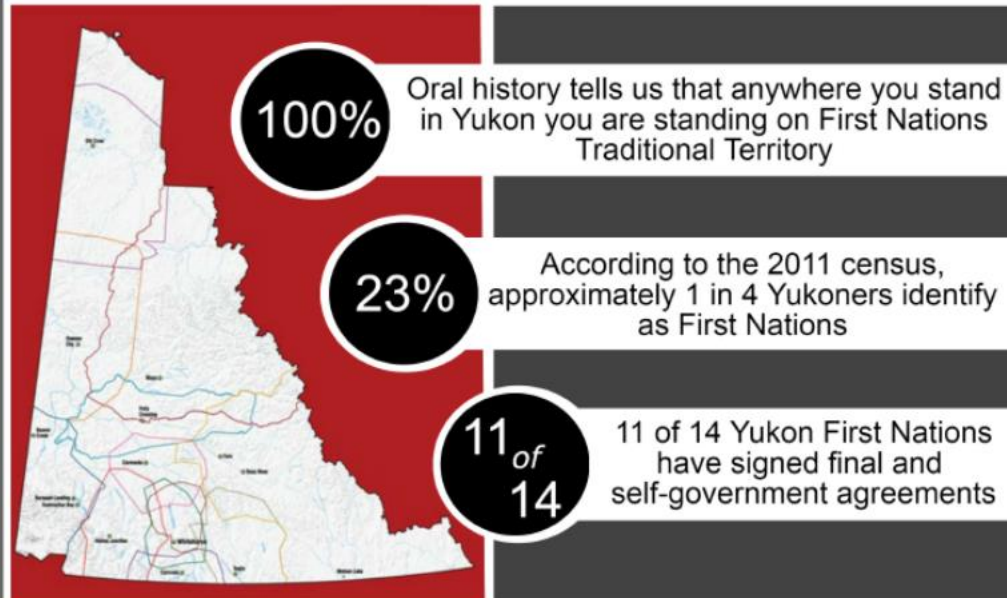
## Yukon First Nations 101: Online

This course was developed in partnership with Yukon College and the Council of Yukon First Nations. It was vetted by the 14 Yukon First Nations through the President's Advisory Committee on First Nations Initiatives (PACfNI).



Using photos, interactive exercises and videos, the course gives a basic overview of Yukon First Nations, providing a common foundation of knowledge to build upon.

### Why?



*Reconciliation is not an Aboriginal problem, it is a Canadian problem. It involves all of us.*

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC's) final report placed a nation-wide focus on Indigenous issues and reconciliation. As Justice Sinclair reminds us, we all have a role to play. This course is one of the many ways Yukon College is working to fulfill our commitment to reconciliation.

- Justice Murray Sinclair  
Chair, TRC

# Course development model

FNI reviews  
and meets  
with  
instructor

Academic  
Council  
curriculum  
Committee

New or  
revised  
curriculum

Academic  
Council





Our Elders allow students to make a connection with an Elder which helps with home sickness missing their community.

FN Student advisor works with one of the counsellors to hold a monthly talking circle

Academic Skills Centre has an Elder present to provide supports for tutoring in writing and math

Frequent cultural events and practices



**Practical  
strategies for  
retention and  
success**





Two therapy dogs  
within counselling

Country food  
prepared in  
culinary program



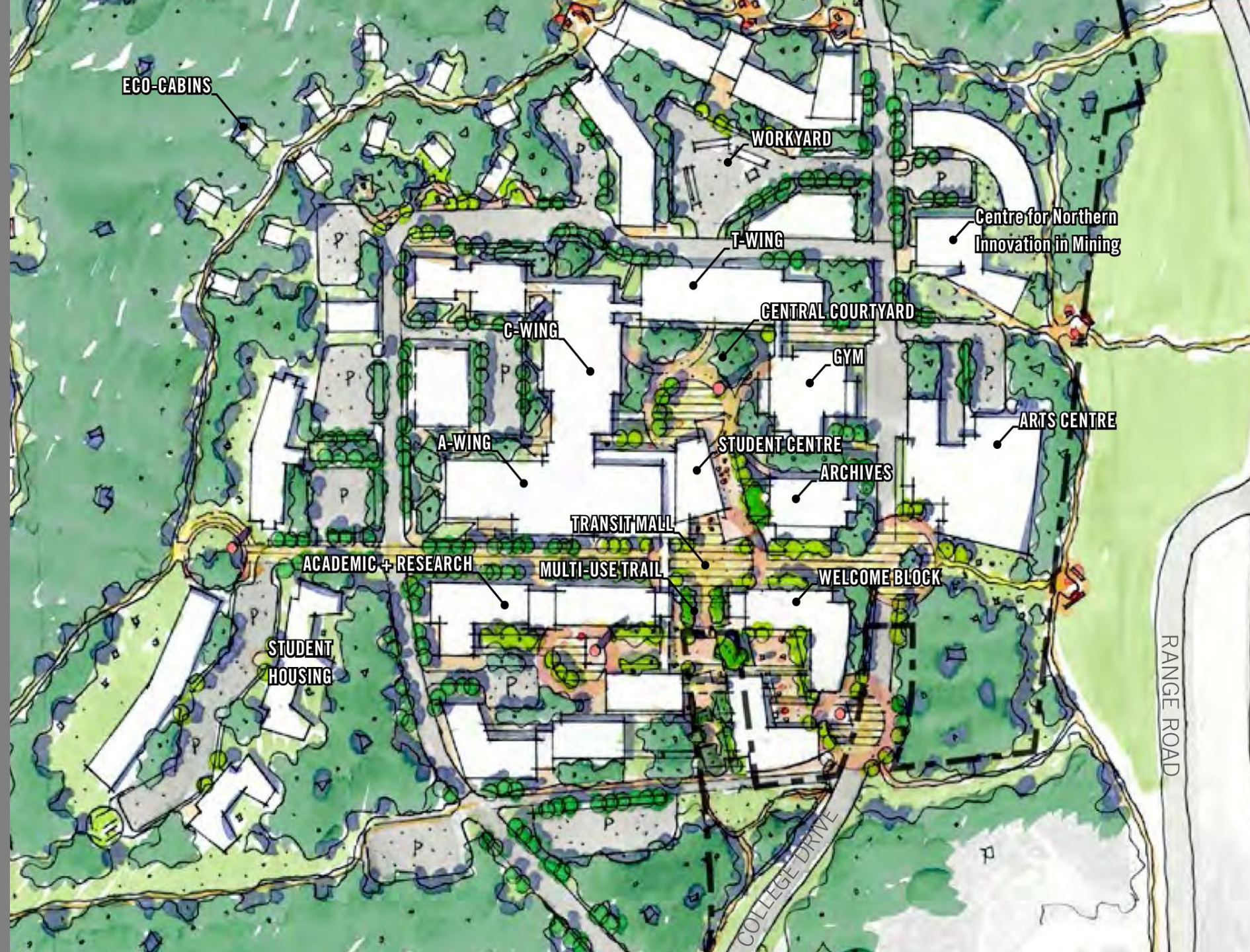
Condensed course delivery model has helped students  
balance work/family and education commitments.

Faculty Research Fund supports projects, many on the  
land, that involve students, which in turn helps engage  
them in their studies.

Some programs, e.g. health, nurture cohort cohesion

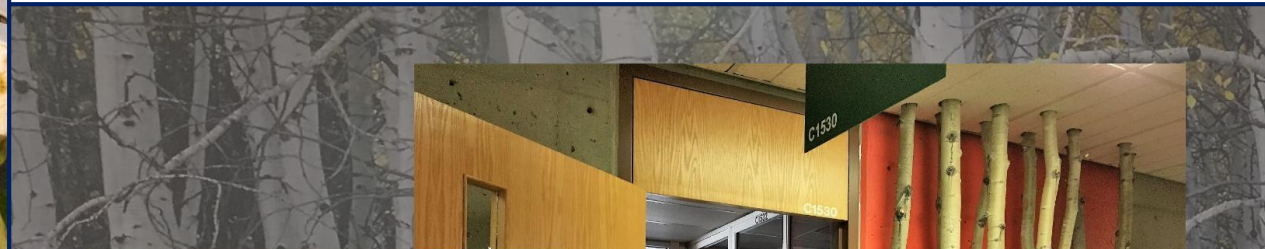
Testing and placement activities focus on reducing time  
in academic upgrading





Indigenizing  
the campus





... now





A Learning Partnership  
Mastercard and Rideau Hall  
Foundations



# Yukon First Nation Youth Today

Yukon First Nation Population  
**7,796**

# of Yukon First Nation Youth  
**2,756**

Educational Attainment:  
**29%** less than high school  
**20%** high school or equivalent  
**42%** some post-secondary  
**9%** university degree

# of people incarcerated in  
2015/16  
**94**



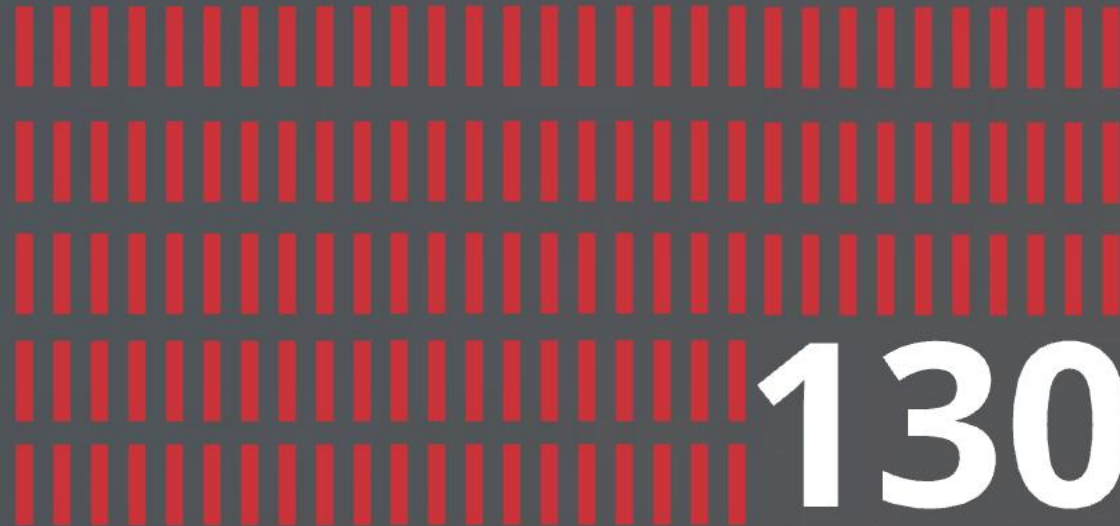


# Case Manager/Career Counsellor

The career counsellor will assist individuals in creating a pathway to educational opportunities, identifying possible careers based on interests and experiences, and lead students through the steps needed to meet their end goals. The case manager portion of this project will assist students through all non-academic barriers to success.

10 new students  
per year

50 over  
5 years



130

retained over 5 years

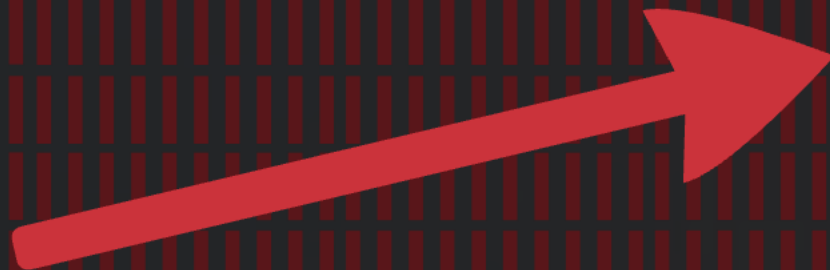


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# Youth University

Youth University will offer a variety of programs to engage Yukon youth in educational opportunities, helping to build a vision of themselves as connected to, and successful in, Post-Secondary education.

90  
In year 2



480  
by year 5

65

Re-engaged  
drop-outs



Yukon Government Photo



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Science Adventures





# Transition Worker

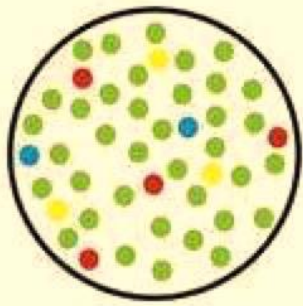
The Transition worker will assist students and potential students from facilities such as the Whitehorse Correction Center, Government run group homes, and treatment programs into post-secondary educational opportunities.



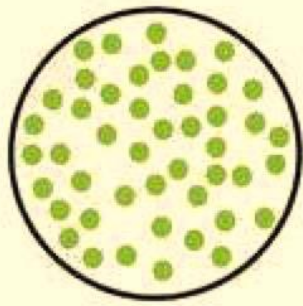
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Over 5 years

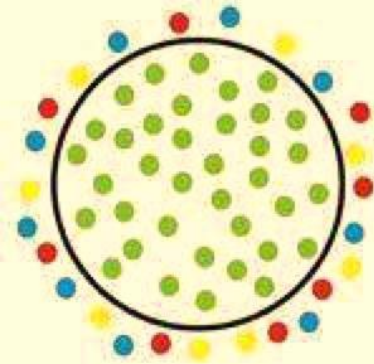
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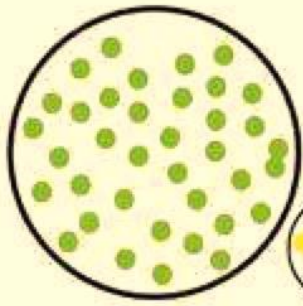
**Inclusion**



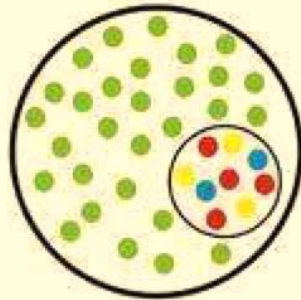
**Assimilation**



**Exclusion**



**Segregation**



**Integration**



# Lessons learned





Màhsi' choo (Gwich'in)

Màhsi' cho (Hän)

Máhsin cho (Northern Tutchone)

Tsin'jj choh (Upper Tanana)

Sógá sénlá' (Kaska)

Shàw níthän (Southern  
Tutchone)

Gunałchîsh (Tlingit)

Gùnèłchîsh (Tagish)

Thank you

