Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics

RESTORING INDIGENOUS ECONOMICS

Providing applied programs to enhance the capacity of Indigenous communities.
First Nations have a rich history of trade and markets that created sustainable economies. However, the Indian Act and other imposed policies and legislation largely eliminated First Nations’ participation in their Indigenous economies. While the rest of Canada benefited from the development of supportive legislative and administrative frameworks, First Nations did not. The result – much of First Nation land is undervalued and there are far fewer economic opportunities.

However, many First Nations have competitive advantages, such as location, human resources, innovative strengths or access to natural resources. Implementing a legal and administrative framework is the key to opening the door for First Nation economic potential.

The Tulo Centre helps train the First Nation public service to implement their jurisdictions and develop legal and administrative systems that support competitive markets on First Nation lands.

The Tulo Centre program provided me with, not only increased knowledge and practical skills in tax administration, but also more confidence in communicating with Chief and Council and other stakeholders.

—Tulo Centre Graduate, Class of 2013
“TULO” IS THE CHINOOK WORD FOR “EARNED PROFIT”.

Historically, Chinook was the language of trade used by First Nations on the west coast of the Americas. At the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics, we are sharing the language of economic prosperity.

The Tulo Centre education experience:

- flexible programming and original curriculum
- developed and taught by industry leaders
- innovative activity-based learning, drawn from real case studies and real world experience
- transfer skills, knowledge and best practices
- courses are designed to empower students with practical knowledge and confidence
- supportive student & alumni network
The Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics delivers programs that offer Indigenous people and communities the tools to build capacity and generate revenue, leading to lasting individual and community prosperity.

First Nations communities across the country are incredibly diverse, and as a result, there is no common solution that will work for every community. The Tulo Centre celebrates this diversity and rather than try to create “one-size-fits-all” solutions, our accredited training programs address the core needs of First Nation communities. Our approach is customized to meet the individual needs and goals of our students and their distinct communities.

Our programs are offered as one-week intensive seminars. They are led by experienced Tulo Centre instructors and subject matter experts at Thompson Rivers University’s campus in Kamloops, B.C. Class sizes are kept small and courses are designed for students to benefit from extensive interaction with dedicated instructors and fellow students. Students also benefit from connections made through Tulo’s student and alumni network.

Each of our certificate programs are accredited, meaning graduates can further their education and training, depending on their career aspirations and their community’s needs. The skills graduates will acquire are practical, in demand by First Nation communities and can be applied immediately after program completion.
The Certificate in First Nation Applied Lands Management creates a practical skillset in surveying, mapping, GIS, planning and parcel/boundary principles. The focus of this program is on applied land management – surveying, mapping, boundary principles and land use planning, and culminate in a project that applies the skills learned to an existing issue in each student’s community.

This certificate is comprised of eight courses offered as one-week intensive seminars and are led by an experienced Tulo instructor:

- Data Capture I
- Mapping I (Geographic Information Systems)
- Land use planning I: Environmental Assessment
- Land tenure (boundary/parcel principles)
- Data Capture II
- Mapping II (Spatial analysis)
- Land use planning II
- Independent Research Project

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My experience with Tulo has truly been an eye-opener as a young First Nations person. It is great to be a part of such vision and to participate in longer capacity-building and higher learning. The knowledge I have gained through Tulo will stay with me and guide me in my vision of creating success stories on First Nation lands where I come from.

—Tulo Centre Graduate, Class of 2011
The First Nation Applied Economics Certificate provides foundational knowledge and skills to assist in increasing the economic and fiscal benefits from the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act* (FMA), *First Nations Land Management Act* (FNLMA), *First Nations Commercial & Industrial Development Act* (FNCIDA), self-government agreements & resource management for First Nation communities. This certificate focuses on addressing issues in First Nation economics as they relate to market failure and poverty, understanding how to facilitate investment on First Nation lands.

The certificate is comprised of eight courses offered as one-week intensive seminars and are led by an experienced Tulo instructor:

- Introduction to Basic Economics
- Issues in Aboriginal Economics
- English or Communication credit in one of the following:
  - Introduction to University Writing or
  - Business, Professional and Academic Composition or
  - Composition and Indigenous Literature in Canada
- Residential and Commercial Development on First Nations Lands
- Investment Facilitation on First Nations Lands
- Economic Feasibility and Impact Analysis on First Nations Lands
- Resource Development on First Nation Lands
- First Nation Fiscal Relationship & Economic Development
The First Nation Tax Administration Certificate provides the knowledge and skills needed to design and operate a taxation system using the powers outlined in the *First Nation Fiscal Management Act*. It examines how tax policies of a First Nation government can be used to promote economic development, as well as finance and build infrastructure. It also provides comprehensive information on communicating tax policies and laws to stakeholders, including Chief & Council and taxpayers.

This certificate is comprised of eight courses offered as one-week intensive seminars, which are led by an experienced Tulo instructor.

- Introduction to First Nation Taxation
- Establishing First Nation Tax Rates and Expenditures
- Assessment and Assessment Appeals
- Administration: Tax Notices, Collection and Enforcement
- Communications, Taxpayer Relations and Dispute Resolution
- Service Agreements and Joint Contracts
- Development Cost Charges
- Capital Infrastructure and Debenture Financing

The program is extremely helpful. It provides tailored education for Tax Administrators for their regions with the various provincial laws taken into consideration. It is proactive with up-to-date scenarios that encompass all aspects of a Tax Administrator’s role. I have learned a lot about tax administration and would recommend the program to any Tax Administrator not currently certified.

—Tulo Centre Graduate, Class of 2015
The logo of the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics features an eagle flying in the sky, represented in pictograph style. The eagle is traditionally acknowledged as one that has a high enough vantage point to see future potential and opportunities, leading others on the path of strength and wisdom.

Tulo, grounded in history, strives to be an institution that offers education opportunities, imparting experience, creating capacity and leading the way to restore Indigenous jurisdictions and economies.

Learn the skills you need to live and work at home while helping to grow and strengthen your community.

Get in touch with us today to learn more or to register for a certificate program.

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