Indigenous E-Learning
Tools and Resources

“There remains no more important relationship to me and to Canada than the one with Indigenous Peoples. We made significant progress in our last mandate on supporting self-determination, improving service delivery and advancing reconciliation. I am directing every single Minister to determine what they can do in their specific portfolio to accelerate and build on the progress we have made with First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples.”

– Excerpt from the Mandate Letter of the Prime Minister, December 13, 2019

Background

Working remotely has become a new reality for most public servants. To support ongoing distance learning, the Canada School of Public Service has prepared this fact sheet for individuals looking to expand their knowledge of Indigenous Peoples, to better understand the realities of their lives, and the role of the public service in advancing reconciliation.

The Truth and Reconciliation Committee’s (TRC) Call to Action #57 refers to the responsibility of all federal departments to educate their employees on the history of Indigenous Peoples in Canada, including their cultural and treaty rights. Begin your journey to awareness by learning about the history of Indigenous Peoples and the responsible steps Canada is taking to renew this partnership. Join your colleagues in this opportunity to engage in the healing process.

Indigenous Learning Series

In response to the TRC’s Call to Action #57, the Canada School of Public Service has developed the Indigenous Learning Series. Under the four themes of Recognition, Respect, Relationships, and Reconciliation, public servants have access to information, resources, tools, videos, and other learning material. 1

Online Courses

- Cultural Self-Reflection: What I Know and What I Don’t Know (K099)
- The Uncomfortable Truth (K100)
- First Nations in Canada (K101)
- Métis in Canada (K102)
- Inuit in Canada (K103)

Learning Tools

- The Historical Timeline
- Cultural Protocols Guide
- Territorial Acknowledgement

Podcasts and Videos

- Sitting by the Fire
- Indigenous Perspectives: Stories from Indigenous Public Servants

Other Online Training

- 4 Seasons of Reconciliation
- Canadian Geographic Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada
- First Nations Pedagogy Online
- Indigenous Corporate Training Inc.
- University of Alberta – Indigenous Canada
- University of British Columbia – Indigenous Foundations
- University of Toronto – Aboriginal Worldviews and Education

1 The online courses of the Canada School of Public Service are available through GCcampus, which is accessible through public networks. Please do not use the Government of Canada network or Virtual Private Network (VPN) access when logging in.
These sources of information are intended to help learners better understand the context of reconciliation in Canada. Despite what you may think, reconciliation is nothing new. Indigenous communities have long been involved in the process of reconciliation with the various levels of government and Canadians in general.

**Key Documents**

- The Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples
- The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action
- Delivering on Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action
- Moving Forward Together: Speech from the Throne to Open the First Session of the 43rd Parliament of Canada (Walking the Road of Reconciliation)
- Principles Respecting the Government of Canada’s Relationship with Indigenous Peoples
- Canadian Geographic – Mapping Indigenous Languages in Canada
- The Canadian Encyclopedia – History of Residential Schools
- Canadian Youth Reconciliation Barometer 2019
- Many Voices One Mind: A Pathway to Reconciliation
- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Treaties and Agreements

**Readings on Historical and Contemporary Issues**

- Canadian Geographic – Mapping Indigenous Languages in Canada
- The Canadian Encyclopedia – History of Residential Schools
- Canadian Youth Reconciliation Barometer 2019
- Teachings of the Medicine Wheel
- Native Women’s Association of Canada – Culturally Relevant Gender-Based Models for Reconciliation

**Books**

- The Inconvenient Indian, by Thomas King
- Speaking My Truth: Reflections on Reconciliation and Residential School, by Sheila Rogers, Mike DeGagne, Jonathan Dewar and Glen Lowry, Aboriginal Healing Foundation, 2012
- My Heart Shook Like a Drum: What I Learned at the Indian Mission Schools, NWT, by Alice Blondin-Perrin
- Broken Circle: The Dark Legacy of Indian Residential Schools: A Memoir, by Theodore Fontaine
- Research is Ceremony: Indigenous Research Methods, by Shawn Wilson
- Decolonizing Methodologies: Research and Indigenous Peoples, by Linda Tuhiwai Smith
- The Comeback: How Aboriginals are Reclaiming Power and Influence, by John Ralston Saul
- Skyscrapers Hide the Heavens: A History of Indian-White Relations in Canada, by J.R. Miller
- All Our Relations: Finding the Path Forward (CBC Massey Lectures), by Tanya Talaga
- Indigenous Relations: Insights, Tips and Suggestions to Make Reconciliation a Reality, by Bob Joseph and Cynthia F. Joseph
- Seven Fallen Feathers: Racism, Deaths and Hard Truths in a Northern City, by Tanya Talaga
- The Reconciliation Manifesto: Recovering the Land, Rebuilding the Economy, by Arthur Manuel, Grand Chief Ronald Derrickson and Ronald M. Derrickson
- The Truth About Stories: A Native Narrative (CBC Massey Lectures), by Thomas King
- Sen. Murray Sinclair: How can Canadians Work toward Reconciliation
- What Orange Shirt Day Means
- Full Story: Failing Canada’s First Nations Children
- Life in Iqaluit, Nunavut
- A Taste of Nunavut
- Who are the Métis?
- Canada and the Métis Nation
- Did You Know? The History of Louis Riel
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**Videos**

- Reconciliation: What Does It Mean?
- MMIWG National Inquiry Key Moment Videos
- Indigenous Cinema from the National Film Board of Canada
- Building Resilience with Chief Joseph
- Namwayut: We Are All One. Truth and Reconciliation in Canada | Canada is...:
- The Indian Act Explained
- A Journey of Discovery. Truth and Reconciliation | Cecelia Reekie TEDxLangleyED
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