

# ***BAY MILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE*** **ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE STUDIES**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Bay Mills Community College has developed a much needed and recognized process of Anishinaabemowin language learning utilizing the concept that is found in the Medicine Wheel Teachings—teachings which are Anishinaabe and are intrinsic to the understanding and appreciation of Anishinaabe culture. Not only will the students gain and further develop this knowledge, they will also gain a positive sense of identity as Anishinaabe people and as members of the Anishinaabe nation.

## **THE PROGRAM**

In keeping with the spirit of Bay Mills Community College's mission, the Anishinaabemowin Language programs at BMCC are targeted for individuals who have a special commitment to regain and retain the Anishinaabe language and culture. The teaching and learning process of these programs are developed in a manner that is unique and dynamic, Anishinaabe driven, and attempts to make a difference in the lives of the learners. Historically, the educational experiences of Anishinaabe people have not been pleasant, and their rich culture has been largely unappreciated. This has changed dramatically in the past few years with the ever increasing awareness and enhancement of pride in this rich heritage. With this in mind, the development of the program has been done in a holistic approach—holistic meaning integrating the language in all of the courses in this program.

## **LANGUAGE STUDIES GOALS**

The goals of the Language Studies programs are as follows:

- To maintain the survival of Anishinaabe language and culture within the tribal communities by providing opportunities for its study and creative use in the academic setting.
- To develop new approaches and skills in the use of Anishinaabemowin through research, teaching and production of materials.
- To introduce Anishinaabemowin to students who wish to learn it for self-growth, personal and professional reasons.
- To offer a framework from which the students will obtain knowledge and appreciation of Anishinaabemowin language and culture.
- To develop competent Anishinaabemowin speakers who possess a beginning to intermediate level of speaking proficiency.
- To provide students with the skills necessary for teaching Anishinaabemowin.

## ***DIPLOMA***

### **ANISHINAABEMOWIN PANE IMMERSION PROGRAM**

The four and six year diploma programs are designed to develop the Anishinaabe language learner's ability to understand the content of fluent speakers' speech and to respond to that speech appropriately. The semester course offerings and the immersion weekends provide a total immersion environment in which the language student can attain a high level of listening comprehension and eventually the ability to spontaneously produce speech.

#### **YEAR ONE**

**Fall Semester**  
 NP141 Basic Immersion I      6  
 NP151 Intro. to Immersion I    6  
    Credits 12

**Spring Semester**  
 NP142 Basic Immersion II      6  
 NP152 Intro. to Immersion II    6  
    Credits 12

**Summer Semester**  
 NP143 Basic Immersion III      6  
 NP153 Intro. to Immersion III    6  
    Credits 12

#### **YEAR TWO**

**Fall Semester**  
 NP171 Basic Immersion IV      6  
 NP181 Intro. to Immersion IV    6  
    Credits 12

**Spring Semester**  
 NP172 Basic Immersion V      6  
 NP182 Intro. to Immersion V    6  
    Credits 12

**Summer Semester**  
 NP173 Basic Immersion VI      6  
 NP183 Intro. to Immersion VI    6  
    Credits 12

#### **YEAR THREE**

**Fall Semester**  
 NP241 Intermediate Immersion I    6  
 NP251 Listening Comprehension I    6  
    Credits 12

**Spring Semester**  
 NP242 Intermediate Immersion II   6  
 NP252 Listening Comprehension II   6  
    Credits 12

**Summer Semester**  
 NP243 Intermediate Immersion III   6  
 NP253 Listening Comprehension III   6  
    Credits 12

#### **YEAR FOUR**

**Fall Semester**  
 NP271 Intermediate Immersion IV   6  
 NP281 Listening Comprehension IV   6  
    Credits 12

**Spring Semester**  
 NP272 Intermediate Immersion V    6  
 NP282 Listening Comprehension V    6  
    Credits 12

**Summer Semester**  
 NP273 Intermediate Immersion VI   6  
 NP283 Listening Comprehension VI   6  
    Credits 12

#### **YEAR FIVE**

**Fall Semester**  
 NP341 Advanced Immersion I      6  
 NP351 Comprehensive Immersion I   6  
    Credits 12

**Spring Semester**  
 NP342 Advanced Immersion II      6  
 NP352 Comprehensive Immersion II   6  
    Credits 12

**Summer Semester**  
 NP343 Advanced Immersion III      6  
 NP353 Comprehensive Immersion III   6  
    Credits 12

#### **YEAR SIX**

**Fall Semester**  
 NP371 Advanced Immersion IV      6  
 NP381 Comprehensive Immersion IV   6  
    Credits 12

**Spring Semester**  
 NP372 Advanced Immersion V      6  
 NP382 Comprehensive Immersion V   6  
    Credits 12

**Summer Semester**  
 NP373 Advanced Immersion VI      6  
 NP383 Comprehensive Immersion VI   6  
    Credits 12

**Required credits for TWO (2) year curriculum = 72**  
**Required credits for FOUR (4) year curriculum = 144**  
**Required credits for SIX (6) year curriculum = 216**