

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

## **INTRODUCTION**

Bay Mills Community College has developed a much needed and recognized process of Anishinaabemwin 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 Anishinaabemwin 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 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 Anishinaabemwin through research, teaching and production of materials.
- To introduce Anishinaabemwin 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 Anishinaabemwin language and culture.
- To develop competent Anishinaabemwin speakers who possess a beginning to intermediate level of speaking proficiency.
- To provide students with the skills necessary for teaching Anishinaabemwin.

## ***DIPLOMA***

### **ANISHINAABEMWIN 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  
 NP161 Intro. to Immersion I    8  
    Credits 14

##### **Spring Semester**

NP142 Basic Immersion II       6  
 NP162 Intro. to Immersion II    8  
    Credits 14

##### **Summer Semester**

NP143 Basic Immersion III       6  
 NP163 Intro. to Immersion III   8  
    Credits 14

#### **YEAR TWO**

##### **Fall Semester**

NP241 Intermediate Immersion I   6  
 NP261 Listening Comprehension I   8  
    Credits 14

##### **Spring Semester**

NP242A Intermediate Immersion II 6  
 NP262 Listening Comprehension II 8  
    Credits 14

##### **Summer Semester**

NP243A Intermediate Immersion III 6  
 NP263 Listening Comprehension III 8  
    Credits 14

#### **YEAR THREE**

##### **Fall Semester**

NP245A Intermediate Immersion IV   6  
 NP271A Conversational Immersion I 8  
    Credits 14

##### **Spring Semester**

NP247A Intermediate Immersion V   6  
 NP272A Conversational Immersion II 8  
    Credits 14

##### **Summer Semester**

NP249A Intermediate Immersion VI   6  
 NP273A Conversational Immersion III 8  
    Credits 14

#### **YEAR FOUR**

##### **Fall Semester**

NP251B Advanced Immersion I       6  
 NP281B Comprehensive Immersion I 8  
    Credits 14

##### **Spring Semester**

NP252B Advanced Immersion II     6  
 NP282B Comprehensive Immersion II 8  
    Credits 14

##### **Summer Semester**

NP253B Advanced Immersion II-B   6  
 NP283B Comprehensive Immersion II-B 8  
    Credits 14

#### **YEAR FIVE**

##### **Fall Semester**

NP253C Advanced Immersion III     6  
 NP283C Comprehensive Immersion III 8  
    Credits 14

##### **Spring Semester**

NP254C Advanced Immersion IV     6  
 NP284C Comprehensive Immersion IV 8  
    Credits 14

##### **Summer Semester**

NP255C Advanced Immersion V       6  
 NP285C Comprehensive Immersion V 8  
    Credits 14

#### **YEAR SIX**

##### **Fall Semester**

NP256D Advanced Immersion VI     6  
 NP286D Comprehensive Immersion VI 8  
    Credits 14

##### **Spring Semester**

NP257D Advanced Immersion VII    6  
 NP287D Comprehensive Immersion VII 8  
    Credits 14

##### **Summer Semester**

NP258D Advanced Immersion VIII   6  
 NP288D Comprehensive Immersion VIII 8  
    Credits 14

**Required credits for TWO (2) year curriculum = 84**  
**Required credits for FOUR (4) year curriculum = 168**  
**Required credits for SIX (6) year curriculum = 252**