

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN RECONCILIATION STUDIES

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ABOUT THE CRS

The St. Stephen's University Centre for Reconciliation Studies offers a Certificate Program that is dedicated to equipping individuals, organizations, churches and community leaders to engage thoughtfully, respectfully and effectively with Indigenous communities.

The 18 credit hour certificate program seeks to address the lack of quality preparation for reconciling relationships that is endemic in Canadian society (and beyond).

ORIGIN

Initiated by the Chair of our Board of Governors, Judith Moses, who is a member of the Delaware people from Six Nations of the Grand River, and designed in conjunction with Indigenous faculty, neighbours and friends, the program is designed to prepare people to commit to an ongoing process of reconciliation, as invited by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, so that they may better carry out these calls in their lives and careers.

AUDIENCE

Anyone who would like to prepare for a future in which knowledgeable and respectful relationships can flourish in a land with Indigenous peoples, settlers and newcomers living together "in a good way."

Anyone whose interests, and possibly future careers, involve, or even require, knowledgeable and respectful engagement with Indigenous communities and individuals

Anyone with some Indigenous heritage who have not grown up connected to their own communities, traditions and histories (*scholarships available*).

FLEXIBILITY

Courses, which can be taken for credit or audited, primarily online, with a short residency module in each semester to enable an experiential learning opportunity that centers land-based knowledge and the deepening of in-person relations.

While the program is available on a standalone basis, it can also be integrated into a master's degree at St. Stephen's University.