

Northwest Indian Treatment Center (NWITC), which opened in 1994, provides residential alcohol and drug treatment to a primarily Native American population from Washington, Oregon and Idaho. It received national accreditation by CARF in January 1998 and was recognized by the reviewers as one of the best residential programs in the nation.

“The Northwest Indian Treatment Center (NWITC) believes that many American Indian people who are addicted to drugs and alcohol have chronic relapse patterns related to unresolved grief and trauma. In other words, until they have an opportunity to address these issues at an emotional level sobriety may not be a choice. For this reason, NWITC trains its counselors to work with patients in the area of grief and trauma. IT is not work for the faint of heart.

NWITC also believes that treatment must be cultural. To do otherwise is to re-traumatize American Indian patients, to become an agent of historic trauma. NWITC has a Native plants and foods program including healing gardens. We teach the traditional use of plants and how they can be used to support recovery. There is a sweat lodge. Shakers come twice each month, etc. We believe that treatment should provide opportunity for all spiritual paths so that patients can choose by listening to their hearts.

We respect addicts. In fact we prefer them – once they are on the healing side of their story.”



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Chemical Dependency Studies

“Through Traditional Ways of Knowing”

A Partnership Between
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About Northwest Indian College



Tyson Oreiro, NWIC student, Lummi Campus

Our Students*

-Headcount:	1,224
-Native American	80%
-Gender	68% female
-Tribes Represented	100+
(includes Native American, Alaska Natives, and Canadian First Nations)	

*Based on data from the 2006-2007 academic year

Courses Offered

HUMS 223 Chemical Dependency Assessment & Treatment (3 credits)
February 6, 7, 8 and 20, 21

HUMS 230 Chemical Dependency and the Family (3 credits)
March 13, 14, 15, and 27, 28

HUMS 160 Chemical Dependency Case Management (3 credits)
April 17, 18, 19, and May 1, 2

HUMS 170 Chemical Dependency and Individual Counseling (3 credits)
May 15, 16, 17 and 29, 30

All classes scheduled from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM each day and are held at the Northwest Indian Treatment Center in Elma, WA. Participants are welcome to eat snacks & lunch with Northwest Indian Treatment Center Community for \$20/day payable on site.

NWIC Mission

Through education, Northwest Indian College promotes indigenous self-determination and knowledge.

About the Partnership

The Northwest Indian Treatment Center and Northwest Indian College are partnering to deliver courses in Chemical Dependency Studies at the Treatment Center in Elma, WA.

The Northwest Indian Treatment Center is a 45-day residential treatment program. It is run by the Squaxin Island Tribe and primarily serves Native Americans from Washington State.

The program specializes in chronic relapse patterns related to unresolved grief and trauma including historic trauma from colonization. In order to address and to heal this generational trauma, the treatment program incorporates cultural traditions and native ways of knowing. The courses will be taught by counselors from the Treatment Center.

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