



INDIGENOUS SAFETY IN HEALTHCARE



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Why Indigenous Safety in Healthcare Matters

Healthcare settings play a crucial role in the cancer journey for Indigenous patients.

Through this program, you will:

- Develop cultural fluency in Indigenous history, health disparities, and reconciliation efforts.
- Foster safer and more inclusive healthcare experiences for Indigenous patients.
- Implement rights-based approaches that align with UNDRIP and TRC Calls to Action.
- Explore teachings tailored to the specific needs and experiences of Indigenous communities in the area
- Support B.C. Ministry of Health *In Plain Sight: Addressing Indigenous-Specific Racism and Discrimination in B.C. Health Care* findings and recommendations.

Program Overview

Location: Victoria Native Friendship Centre, 231 Regina Avenue, Victoria, BC

Duration: Two days (1 day self-paced online learning + 2 full in-person days)

Format: Experiential learning, discussions, and applied skill-building.

Key Learning Outcomes: Understanding Indigenous experiences and the impact of historical and systemic barriers.

Engaging with Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities to build mutual trust.

Gaining hands-on skills for culturally safe, trauma-informed, and anti-racist healthcare practices.

Program Goals

Indigenous Safety in Healthcare is a skills-based and experiential learning program that empowers healthcare workers and leaders to move beyond awareness and into transformative change.

The program offers:

A comprehensive deep dive into healthcare sector commitments to cultural safety and why they matter.

A holistic approach that addresses learning with mind, body, emotions, and spirit.

A culturally grounded, locally developed, and Indigenous-designed learning opportunity.

Active learning using multiple approaches and modalities to build skills in providing culturally safe and anti-racist healthcare.



Rosy Hartman Manager, Indigenous Cultural Safety, Indigenous Cancer Control

I was very grateful for the opportunity to have participated in the VNFC ISH program, along with colleagues from BC Cancer - Victoria. The online materials provided excellent background and context for the work, and the in-person sessions were invaluable learning opportunities. Many Indigenous cultural safety courses are only offered online, and when you can participate in-person in an interactive environment, it truly deepens the learning. I think that this course format really helps staff build the skills and confidence they need to deliver more culturally safe, empathetic and patient-centered care.

Available Dates for Fall 2025 - Winter 2026

Cohort #	Dates
27	Tuesday, January 13th
	Tuesday, January 20th
28	Tuesday, February 3rd
	Tuesday, February 10th
29	Thursday, February 26th
	Thursday, March 5th

Cost

This program is currently being offered free of charge to ensure accessibility and community well-being. While there's no fee to attend, the true cost is about \$1,500 per person, reflecting the time, care, and cultural knowledge shared.

Your donations help keep this learning alive and open to all. If you're able, contributions of any amount - from \$5 to \$1,500 - are deeply appreciated and directly support program delivery.

Donations can be made via vnfc.ca/donate, cheque, or e-transfer.

What's Included

- One-day e-learning course on understanding Indigenous safety in healthcare
- Two-day in-person experiential learning with Knowledge Keepers and cultural practices.
- Delicious hot lunch prepared by the VNFC
- Coffee, tea and snacks + Learning materials
- Completion certificate aligned with professional development opportunities.



How to Register & Learn More

Participants interested in attending can register by scanning the QR code or emailing learning.programs@vnfc.ca for upcoming cohorts. Registration is limited to 16 learners per cohort to ensure a quality learning experience.



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"I highly recommend this program to all levels of healthcare providers (front line, administrators, any profession). You learn about Indigenous safety in healthcare in a safe, engaging and transformative manner."

Former ISH Participant

