

U of M Centre Supports ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

A new facility supporting Aboriginal students enrolled in health education degree programs at the University of Manitoba is now open. The Centre for Aboriginal Health Education is located at the Bannatyne (downtown Winnipeg) campus. Dean Sandham, dean of the Faculty of Medicine, says the new centre will serve a vital function at the university. "This new home for students of aboriginal origin in health professions is an essential element of a program designed to assure education for Aboriginal health," says Sandham.

The centre is the result of a unique partnership led by the Faculty of Medicine and which includes the faculties of Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy, Science, the Schools of Medical Rehabilitation and Dental Hygiene, and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.

The centre's primary role is:

- to support Aboriginal students enrolled in health education degree programs through culturally relevant academic and social support;

- ongoing professional development and enhanced networking opportunities for future career opportunities;
- to provide practitioners with education on ways to become a better practitioner to the Aboriginal community and other non-traditional communities.



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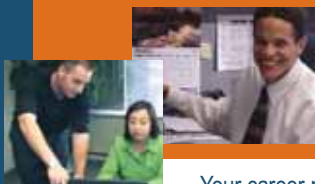


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