

Thank you for taking the time to go through these modules of learning. I hope that it will help you in your personal learning journey. It is where we live and work from. And I just want to say that there are many ways to learn. we've often learned from academia to get the education to be an educator, and I believe in lifelong learning.

I believe that we learn from everything. Just recently I was one of the instructors for teaching Indigenous Studies here for the faculty of learning, that this learning journey of Indigenous education is ongoing.

It's not one course you take, and you put in your portfolio. It becomes a part of every day, as educators well know.

But this learning from the Indigenous perspective is very important as we strive towards a decolonial and indigenized way of knowing and being. One of the ways I encourage people to think about is we can learn from academia and these kinds of modules, and we can learn from other educators, but a really important way to learn about Indigenous people is to get to know, to be in relationship and community and to learn from ceremony or events, gatherings. Most people welcome those who are willing to learn and so I just encourage each and every one of you to take the opportunity to learn from the Indigenous community wherever you are. I always like to say that there were there were 600 and there were 600 plus indigenous nations here in Canada prior to European contact, unique and distinct societies who knew their own languages and systems of governance, living surviving and thriving peoples and so we want to remember that when we are teaching about Indigenous Studies, that here in Brandon there, there are a few different nations. And it's very important to remember that one nation doesn't represent all. There are some similarities, but it's very important to remember those.