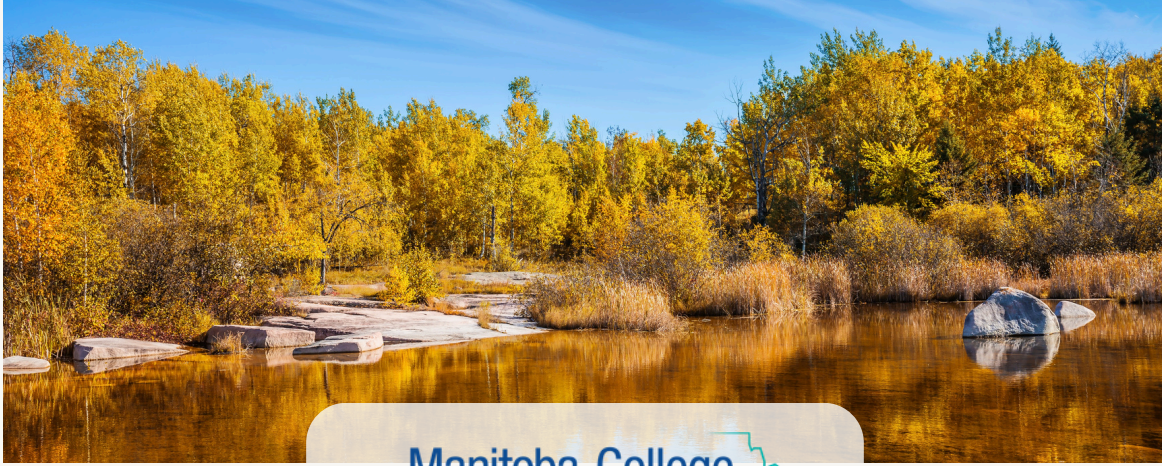




Manitoba College of Social Workers

We acknowledge that the office of the Manitoba College of Social Workers is located on Treaty 1 Territory and that Manitoba is located on the ancestral lands of the Anishnaabeg, Anishininawuk, Dakota Oyate, Denesuline and Nehethowuk Nations and the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. We further acknowledge that northern Manitoba includes lands that were and are the ancestral lands of the Inuit.

We honour these lands that have been home to Indigenous Peoples for generations and express gratitude for the enduring relationships that these communities have with the land, water, and all living beings. We acknowledge colonization has intended to dispossess Indigenous Peoples of these lands, and we recognize Social Work's role in colonization and the resulting impacts on Indigenous Peoples, communities and the environment.

We acknowledge the truths of the past and ongoing harms, including broken agreements and intergenerational trauma experienced by Indigenous Peoples. We recognize the strength and resilience of Indigenous communities, who continue to care for this land. We honour self-determined languages, identities, knowledge systems, and the historical and ongoing relationships that have shaped our existence.

The Manitoba College of Social Workers recognizes our responsibility to acknowledge, respect, and engage in meaningful relationships with Indigenous Peoples. We commit to understanding the privileges and responsibilities we have as visitors on this land, and to actively confront the ongoing impacts of colonization.

As we reflect on our role as social workers, we are guided by the experiences and knowledge of Indigenous Peoples in coming to understand the complexities of our interactions. We commit to ongoing learning, listening, dialogue and action that challenges colonial systems, advances reconciliation and promotes justice for present and future generations.

We strive to approach our work with intention and humility and to communicate in ways that foster understanding and respect. The Manitoba College of Social Workers commits to actively work towards building stronger, more equitable relationships with Indigenous communities and to support practices that uphold Indigenous rights, environmental responsibility and the well-being of all people, lands, water and future generations.