

Elizabeth Spence, BA, MA

Public Representative

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Region: Capital

Biography

Personally, Elizabeth Spence is a single mother of three and a proud member of the Red River Metis Nation.

Professionally, Elizabeth is a research lead and project manager in Admissions at the Max Rady College of Medicine, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba. Here, her work focuses primarily on aligning the recruitment and admissions processes of the Admissions office with the strategic vision of the University, the Province and the perspectives of surrounding community to ensure our provincial physician workforce is representative of our provincial healthcare needs. Elizabeth is also a graduate student, currently completing the thesis portion of a master's degree in Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba. Elizabeth's research focuses on how to institute strength-based and culturally safe medical education programming for Indigenous learners in western institutions. Elizabeth is also a sessional instructor for the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba, teaching an introduction to health and health professions course for Indigenous learners in the University's Health Careers Access Program (HCAP). Next term Elizabeth will be teaching a course on Metis identity for the Urban and Inner Studies Program at the University of Winnipeg.

Elizabeth considers herself a helper and views her professional, academic, and instructional work as both a privilege and a responsibility to her community. Recognizing just how much one's wellbeing and personal health is vested in their access to social supports across the spectrum, Elizabeth has great respect for the profession and the professionals of social work within the province of Manitoba and would be honoured to be a part of this board of directors.