

# UPEI welcomes First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students



Vanier scholar Julie Bull (centre) with UPEI Nursing students Ashley Jadis and Stephanie Jadis in the Aboriginal Student Centre

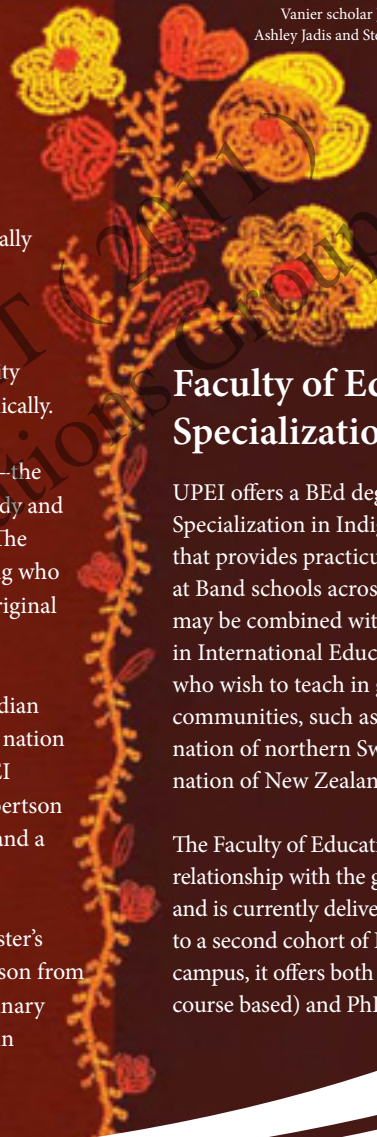
The University of Prince Edward Island invites all First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples to consider its programs for their post-secondary experience. UPEI offers undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs in the Faculties of Arts, Business, Education, Nursing, and Science, and through its Atlantic Veterinary College.

Located in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island's capital and a culturally vibrant city of 32,000, UPEI provides an excellent education in a supportive, safe, and friendly environment. Students come to study at UPEI from across North America and from 59 countries around the globe. They quickly become a vital part of a diverse campus community that takes great pride in helping them succeed personally and academically.

Aboriginal students have a place to call home on the UPEI campus—the Maw'omi Aboriginal Student Resource Centre—where they can study and relax between classes, or host talking circles, events, and meetings. The centre was established through the leadership of the Dean of Nursing who has worked to encourage and support the recruitment of more Aboriginal students at UPEI.

The recent Accord on Indigenous Education, signed by all the Canadian Deans of Education, was presented to Chief Francis of the Mi'kmaq nation during the 2010 Indigenous Education Day celebrations on the UPEI campus. The event showcased the Mi'kmaq research area of the Robertson Library, paintings from Mi'kmaq artist Gilbert Sark were unveiled, and a Mi'kmaq designed granite bench was smudged.

Vanier scholar Julie Bull who completed her undergraduate and master's degrees at UPEI, gave an address about her life as an Aboriginal person from northern Labrador. Julie is now working on her PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of New Brunswick. Her research is rooted in Aboriginal and rural health and education.



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## Faculty of Education Specializations

UPEI offers a BEd degree with a Specialization in Indigenous Education that provides practicum opportunities at Band schools across the Maritimes. It may be combined with the Specialization in International Education for students who wish to teach in global Indigenous communities, such as those of the Sami nation of northern Sweden, or the Maori nation of New Zealand.

The Faculty of Education has a close relationship with the government of Nunavut and is currently delivering the MEd degree to a second cohort of Inuit educators. On campus, it offers both MEd (thesis and course based) and PhD degrees.

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