



# NISHNAABEMWIN APPRENTICESHIP :

## This is who we are.

### Tuition: \$700

A non-refundable \$200 deposit will be due at the first class on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, with the balance to be paid in full by 1:00 PM, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Receipts will be provided to the students.

### Required Books: ~\$210\*

### Regular Class Schedule

1 class per week for 35 weeks.

Wednesdays\*\*, 3-9PM, beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, through to June 13, 2012. (Rm 103 @ KTEI)

### Required Texts\*\*\*

1. Introductory Nishnaabemwin A, 2001, M.A. Corbiere
2. Introductory Nishnaabemwin B, 2001, M.A. Corbiere
3. Lexicons for Students of Nishnaabemwin, May 2007 Edition, M.A. Naokwegijig-Corbiere
4. Intermediate Nishnaabemwin A, 2003, M.A. Corbiere
5. Intermediate Nishnaabemwin B, 2003, M.A. Corbiere
6. Nishnaabemwin Apprenticeship Course Reader, KTEI 2011\*\*\*\*

### Partial Recommended Text List

(full recommended book list will be made available to registered students at a later date)

Nishnaabemwin Reference Grammar, University of Toronto Press 2001, R. Valentine



\* Some students may have purchased some required texts previously please see Required Text list.

\*\* Some Wednesdays will be postponed to another day of the week due to scheduling conflicts. (TBA in class)

\*\*\* Required Texts 1., 2. & 3. above will be available for purchase on first day of class (Oct. 5, 2011) at a cost of \$85. Please pay by cash OR money order/cheque made payable to Kenjegin Teg Educational Institute. Remaining required texts will be also be available for purchase at a later date.

\*\*\*\* Currently being compiled



**Instructor: Alan Corbiere**  
**Class Size: 30 max.**



### **To Apply:**

Please fill out a Student Information Form (SIF) and provide a one page cover letter outlining your reasons for wanting to learn Nishnaabemwin as a second language.

SIF can be picked up at KTEI Reception.

Completed pink form (SIF) and cover letter can be left at reception in a sealed envelope for Jacinta Shawanda, ATEP and Apprenticeship Program Coordinator

### **DEADLINE to apply is:**

**Friday, September 30th at 12:00 PM (Noon).**

Program Acceptance Notification: letters will be emailed &/or phone calls will be made on Monday October 3rd.

**First class is Wednesday, October 5th at KTEI from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

(Class time will include two 5 min. breaks and a 45 min. supper break. Small kitchen with stove, micro wave, toaster, fridge and sink will be available for student use. Please bring your own feast bag, food and snacks; occasional potlucks will be scheduled.)

Questions? We can help you make the right decision – in person appointments are encouraged. Contact us today to speak with the Program Coordinator.

*Note: Program and course dates are pending sufficient student enrolment.*

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**KTEI**  
**Independent**  
**Program**

Graduates to receive  
KTEI Certification

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Did you know, at times in an infant's life, from 0 to 2 years, 1 million connections/second can be forming in their rapidly growing developing and learning brain? That is why many of us easily learned our first language between the ages of 2 and 5 years old. It takes a few decades for our brains and bodies to mature. By the time we are 25, the brain is fully developed. So as adults, unless we have an affinity to learning languages, learning a second language can be daunting. Language experts are coming to agree that some of the most effective language teachers are those who learned Nishnaabemwin as a second language, even when they are not yet fully fluent. Of course they also require first language speakers to be available as a valuable resource. The combination of a lead instructor, who found his/her way through learning Nishnaabemwin as a second language, AND resource people who are fluent speakers with Nishnaabemwin as their first language is rapidly becoming a best practice. So lets have fun teaching and learning together!

**Program Description:** Using several Nishnaabemwin resources and a variety of teaching modes this program promises that its graduates will pick up the tools they need to strengthen their proficiency in Nishnaabemwin on their journey to mastery of the language. Some topics to be covered include: Learning Languages – Grammar Jargon; Standardized Nishnaabemwin writing system - orthography and syllabics; How to use the lexicon; guidance for self directed learning; class presentations; small group work; Learning about differences between dialects and languages; and most importantly - learning the importance of accepting differences by being open to learn all that one can. Books & other resources will be on sale or available for in-library use. Weekly opening and closing ceremony. Discussions of how the 7 Grandfather Teachings will be actively applied to this program. Discussions of why Language is tied to the land and ceremony. Students will be encouraged to contribute to the ongoing direction of the program when suitable. The occasional Guest Speaker will be brought in - provided time and funds exist. Finally, because learning a second language for adults can be difficult, the Golden Rule is: be kind and patient to oneself and fellow classmates as we take this journey together.

At this time, Anishnaabek Communities are in an extremely advantageous position compared to our fellow First Nation People on Turtle Island – we still have an abundance of fluent speakers living among us.

Now is the time for us, our friends and allies (meaning those who are willing and ready) to empower ourselves and our spirits by taking hold of the many tools within in our reach to begin the journey of learning Nishnaabemwin as our second language.

Did you know – in as short a time as one generation, the Anishnaabek Nations can raise ourselves back up to a level of 100% fluent speakers?

Will you join us in this class as we begin that journey together?

Now is the time - if not now, then the reverse is also true - in one generation, we too can also see our numbers of fluent speakers slip away like many other First Nations across Canada and the United States.

We at KTEI are looking for 30 individuals committed to begin (or to continue) their journey to learning Nishnaabemwin, not for college or university credits, but simply because – THIS IS WHO WE ARE.

**Note to Employers** KTEI has set up this program as an Apprenticeship in hopes that First Nation Administration Offices and Organizations that Service First Nation People (ie Employers - who are committed to having their employees pursue Nishnaabemwin as a second language) will see this one year program as an extraordinary Professional Development opportunity for their staff. Seat purchases for 1 or 2 accepted employees are encouraged. Please contact Jacinta at KTEI to further investigate this possibility for your staff. 705-377-4342, ext.224.

**Note to Fluent Speakers** If you are interested in contributing your time and valuable knowledge, then please contact Jacinta at KTEI or the instructor—Alan Corbiere, to find out what options may be best for you. We look forward to hearing from you and finding away for you to help us learn from you. To enhance the success of this program we need fluent speakers.

**Note to Potential Contributors** Financial donations to this program are welcome. Funds raised could cover costs such as: guest speakers, resources for in-library use only, instructor and resource assistant wages, bursaries and financial awards based on academic performance or financial need for students, materials and supplies, potlucks, etc... Please contact Jacinta if you have the means and want to provide a financial contribution. Your donation can be published or anonymous as determined by you. Receipts and reports on contributions will be provided.

**Note to Students searching for Sponsors** If you are accepted to this program and require financial aid please call the following to check for availability of funds and your eligibility for funding: Your FN Post Secondary Education Counsellor, your FN LDM (purchase of training), the Dreamcater Fund, your employer, the Seven Generations fund through UOI, etc...