

ABOUT US

Throughout the course development the Wāsākāmā team works collaboratively with:

- Elders;
- Knowledge Keepers;
- Indigenous communities;
- Outside agencies; and,
- Our guidance circle circle.

As a non-research project, the two new courses will be created specifically for this curriculum development project as a platform for community voices to ensure that the project is driven by community priorities in real time.



Wāsākāmā TEAM

Michael Megenbir (he/him) **Project Manager, Regina Campus**

E: mmegenbir@firstnationsuniversity.ca
T: 1.800.267.6303

Jenelle McArthur (she/her) **Program and Content Consultant Regina Campus**

E: jmcarthur@firstnationsuniversity.ca
T: 1.800.267.6303

Bethany Thomas (she/her) **Program and Content Consultant Prince Albert Campus**

E: bthomas@firstnationsuniversity.ca
T: 1.306.765.3333 ext. 7503

Tiberius Fayant-McLeod (they/them) **Research Assistant- Part-time Regina Campus**

E: tfayant@firstnationsuniversity.ca
T: 1.800.267.6303



Wāsākāmā

‘MAKE A CIRCLE’

REGENERATING CAPACITY FOR BIRTH AND
END-OF-LIFE CARE IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES



**FIRST NATIONS
UNIVERSITY
OF CANADA**



BACKGROUND

The Indigenous Health Program at First Nations University of Canada (FNUiv) partnered with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to propose two new courses under a project called Wāsākāmā (“Make a Circle”).

The intent of the proposed courses is to provide added support and training in Indigenous communities working within the areas of:

1. End-of-life care; and,
2. Sexual & reproductive health

These courses will complement the existing Indigenous Birthing Support Worker Certificate program (IBWC) offered through FNUiv.

The Wāsākāmā (“Make a Circle”) project is a community-led consultation project. The Wāsākāmā team works under the Indigenous Health Program (INHS) through the First Nations University of Canada.

The Wāsākāmā (“Make a Circle”) team values Indigenous ways of knowing, doing and being that inform and guide relationships, methods, and practice.

The current Wāsākāmā grant is working collaboratively with stakeholders within the health sector.

The Wāsākāmā project is a non-research community-led project. This project consists of community consultations and participation and will be developed under the advice of our guidance circle.



PROPOSED ACTIVITIES & DELIVERABLES

GATHERING KNOWLEDGE

- **Community Consultations**

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- **Community Co-created Curriculum**

PROGRAM APPROVALS

- **Program Approvals and Accreditation**

IMPLEMENTATION

- **Pilot Curriculum**
- **Developing Ongoing Future Course Offering**

INTERGRATED EVALUATION

- **Ongoing Evaluation of Curriculum and Pilot Courses**