

# Learning our way

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Field School in Houpsitas, located on the outer coast of Kyuquot Sound, on the west coast of Vancouver Island in British Columbia.



## About Learning Our Way (LOW)

LOW builds on over 15 years of offering field schools hosted by First Nation's (FN) Communities on Northern Vancouver Island in partnership with North Island College. Our goal is to support health providers in engaging with truth and reconciliation through addressing systemic racism and promoting health equity for Indigenous people and communities. LOW is a research project supported by the Community College Social Innovation Fund. As a participant you will be invited to participate in providing feedback related to your experience with the intention of supporting the sustainability and quality of future learning opportunities hosted by First Nation s communities.

## What you will learn

You will learn with Indigenous community members and Knowledge Holders through wellness-focused land-based learning opportunities. This transformative learning experience will build relationships and understanding through living in the community while participating in learning circles, sharing stories and being in ceremony together.

<https://www.nic.bc.ca/about-us/research/carti/projects/learning-our-way/>

# Course Details

## General Activities You Can Expect

- Meeting community members
- Participating in community dinner and ceremonies
- Exploring territories by boat and land

## Core Learning Outcomes

- Enhanced ability to engage in culturally safe relationships
- Enhanced knowledge of the health impacts of colonial systems on Indigenous people
- Ability to meaningfully and respectfully engage in Truth and Reconciliation

Tuition is \$1000

Each participant is responsible for their room and board costs.

### What is included:

- Travel to and from North Island College (Campbell River Campus) via bus and water taxi
- Community Activities
- We are arranging accommodations, each participant will be responsible for costs

Participants in the field school will be invited to participate in feedback sessions as part of the LOW research project.

## Project Leads



**Left: Joanna Fraser, RN BSN MCE EdD, Lead Researcher**

Joanna is of European descent. She has been a nurse educator at NIC for the past 21 years focused on transformative reconciliation in nursing education and practice.

**Right: Evelyn Voyageur, PhD, Lead Researcher**

Evelyn is of the Kwakwaka'wakw Nation, of the Dzawadainox tribe. Her extensive career as an Indigenous nurse leader is focused on building understanding and inclusivity in health care for her people.

**If you are interested in participating or have further questions, please contact:**

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