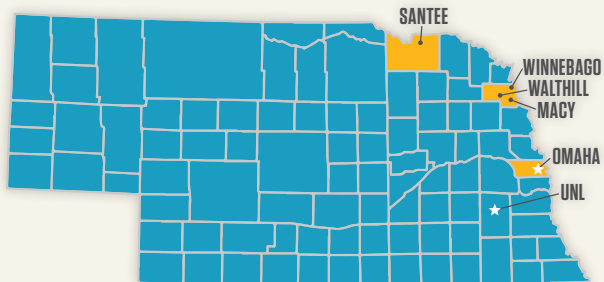




The Indigenous Roots Teacher Education Program (ROOTS) is a distance-delivered program. UNL classes are taught on-line and/or in a hybrid format. ROOTS participants live in their home communities, completing course work, practicum and student teaching semesters in schools that serve American Indian students. Graduates are hired to teach in schools/communities in Northeast Nebraska and throughout the Midwest.



Consortium Partners

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
The Nebraska Department of Education
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

School Partners

Niobrara Public Schools, Niobrara, NE
Santee Community Schools, Santee, NE
Umo^{ho} Nation School, Macy NE
Omaha Tribe Head Start and
Early Head Start Program, Macy, NE
Winnebago Public Schools, Winnebago, NE
Winnebago Educare Center, Winnebago, NE

Colleges

Little Priest Tribal College
Nebraska Indian Community College



For More Information Contact:

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THE INDIGENOUS ROOTS TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM (ROOTS)

The ROOTS program is currently seeking American Indian applicants with a strong desire to be teachers and work with American Indian students.



ROOTS Application

A second cohort of ROOTS students is being considered, please submit your application as soon as possible. This is a competitive application process.

The application process requires:

- ✓ Cover page
- ✓ Moral character form
- ✓ Official transcripts from post-secondary institutions
- ✓ Essays addressing cultural relevance, commitment to teaching, accomplishments
- ✓ Three letters of recommendation from individuals who attest to the applicant's qualifications working with children
- ✓ One Source Criminal History Check

The application for the Bachelor's and Initial Certification Program is available to download at indigenousroots.unl.edu



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Application Deadline

Please submit your application asap to:

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Applicants will be notified of their status
as soon as possible.

Bachelor's Degree and/or Initial Certification Program

ROOTS is open to students who have earned an AA or BA/BS degree or have completed at least 42 credits from a community college. All selected participants will sign a pay-back agreement, a requirement of the ROOTS program and the U.S. Department of Education.

Interested undergraduate or post-bac students can apply to earn certification in Elementary (K-6th grade) or Early Childhood Education (Birth-3rd grade). Up to 18 students will be selected to participate. Undergraduates will earn a bachelor's degree and the Nebraska initial teaching certificate. Post-bac students will earn the Nebraska initial teaching certificate. Participants are eligible for the following benefits:

- ✓ \$1,400 monthly stipend if enrolled full-time each semester, and working part-time (up to 20 hrs/week)
- ✓ Course tuition and fees
- ✓ Book costs
- ✓ Student fees, test fees, criminal history checks and application fees will be covered or reimbursed
- ✓ Laptop computer
- ✓ Tutors
- ✓ Childcare support, if eligible
- ✓ Participants working full-time or part-time in area schools or educational settings are eligible to apply.

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