



THE INDIGENOUS ROOTS TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM (ROOTS)

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

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.



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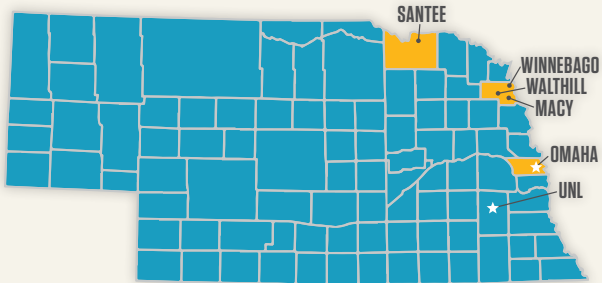
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The Indigenous Roots Teacher Education Program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education.



The Initial Certification Program

Interested undergraduate or post-bac students apply for the Initial Certification Program. Up to 14 students will be selected to participate, which will result in a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and/or teacher certification (K-6 Nebraska teaching certificate), and a concentration in ELL.

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.

Participants are eligible for the following benefits:

- ✓ \$1300 monthly stipend for full-time enrolled students
- ✓ Course tuition and fees
- ✓ Book costs
- ✓ Student fees, test fees and application fees will be covered or reimbursed.
- ✓ Participants will receive a laptop computer and mini iPad.
- ✓ Tutors
- ✓ Participants are eligible to work up to 50% time (20 hours per week) in area schools or other educational settings.



ROOTS Application

The application deadline (postmark) is Tuesday, January 31, 2017. This is a competitive application process.

The application process requires:

- ✓ Cover page
- ✓ Moral character form
- ✓ Official transcripts from post-secondary institutions
- ✓ Essays addressing diversity, 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 Initial Certification Program is available to download at cehs.unl.edu/roots.

Mail completed applications (for both Initial Certification and Additional Certification) to:

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The Additional Certification Program

This program is also open to teachers who have completed the requirements for teacher certification and are currently teaching.

The additional certification programs include:

- ✓ ELL
- ✓ Special Education

Up to 10 teachers/participants will be accepted as graduate students to enroll in course work part-time, while also continuing to teach in area schools. All selected participants will sign a pay-back agreement, a requirement of the ROOTS program and the U.S. Department of Education.

Students accepted into the Additional Certification Program are eligible for the following benefits:

- ✓ Course tuition and fees
- ✓ Book costs
- ✓ Student fees, application fees will be covered or reimbursed.
- ✓ Participants will receive a laptop computer and mini iPad.
- ✓ Tutors

The application process and/or links are available at <https://cehs.unl.edu/roots>.

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Applicants will be notified of their status by March 30, 2017. Program activities begin in April and UNL courses begin in May, 2017.

