



St. Thomas University invites applications for the position of **Student Support/Program Coordinator, Mi'kmaq Maliseet Bachelor of Social Work Program (MMBSW)** for the three-year period **June 2023 to June 2026**.

Since the MMBSW Program was established in 2005, over 100 L'nu Social Workers from NB, NS, and QC were granted their degrees by St. Thomas University. The 7th cohort will run from **September 2023 to June 2026**. The MMBSW Program recognizes that most students have child, community, and extended family responsibilities. Students carry significant cultural responsibilities and often have their education complicated by the need to find ways of walking between two (or more) worlds with different values, language, and belief systems.

Job summary: The MMBSW Student Support/Program Coordinator is responsible for the promotion and delivery of the MMBSW program and will provide student support services and cultural guidance to students during their courses and during their field placements. The Student Support/Program Coordinator will plan and execute a recruitment program, coordinate, and support course delivery, arrange regular meetings of the MMBSW Steering and Curriculum and inform Committee members on issues in the program, as they arise. An important part of the role will be to liaise with First Nation Directors of First Child & Family, Directors of First Nation Post-Secondary Programs, as well as First Nation governments, professional associations, provincial governments, and funding agents, as required. As part of the student support responsibilities, it is necessary to attend and assist with the delivery of on-site classes in Sackville, NB. This means being on-site the first week of each month from September to April and 2 weeks in May and 2 weeks in June during the first two years of the program. A more detailed list of duties can be provided upon requested.

The successful candidate will be engaged as an independent contractor with compensation commensurate with qualifications and experience. The successful candidate will work out of his/her home office and will report to the Director of STU's School of Social Work and the MMBSW Steering Committee. The successful candidate must have strong administrative skills.

Qualifications: A social work degree, or an education or social science degree combined with experience in a related field is required.

It is essential that the candidate has adequate knowledge, practice experience, and demonstrated ability in the following areas:

- Traditional knowledge located in the cultural sacred place of practice.
- Working knowledge and understanding of Indigenous language in the place of practice related to context, core values, and relationships.
- Knowledge of the core values and practices of service in Indigenous communities; reciprocity, interdependence, interconnectedness, and participation.
- Be recognized by her/his community through authentication by First Nation Elders or Leadership.

Ability to speak in one of the two (2) languages is an asset.

It is important to note that due to the nature of the position, the successful candidate must provide a satisfactory Criminal Records Search; be agreeable to work flexible hours and travel regularly; and possess a Class "5" Driver's License with a clean driving record and access to a personal vehicle which will pass a safety inspection.

Application process: Please forward a covering letter and a detailed resumé, explaining your suitability for the position and addressing how you meet the qualifications listed above. You must also provide the contact information and job titles for three referees. The application should be sent to the attention of Sandra Germain – Email: sandrag@stu.ca

Closing date for applications is May 26, 2023, or until the position is filled. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

An equal opportunity employer, St. Thomas University is committed to employment equity for women, Aboriginal peoples, members of visible minority groups, and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

St. Thomas University is an undergraduate, liberal arts institution with a full-time enrolment of 1,600. Its students graduate with Bachelor of Arts, Applied Arts, Education, and Social Work degrees. The faculty members are distinguished teachers, researchers and scholars, and the university holds two Canada Research Chairs.

St. Thomas University is situated on the traditional territory of the Wolastoqiyik, Wəlastəkewiyik / Maliseet whose ancestors along with the Mi'kmaq / Mi'kmaw and Passamaquoddy / Peskotomuhkati Tribes / Nations signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the British Crown in the 1700s.

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