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Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College is committed to all aspects of student learning and provides its students with opportunities for intellectual and social growth and development. The variety of student services available at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College is designed to meet the needs of students and to provide a positive environment for academic learning and personal growth.

Academic Advising

Academic advising is an integral part of student success at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. All students have opportunities to discuss educational, career and personal goals with college counselors and advisors. Advising services include course selection assistance, transfer information, and goal setting.



Admissions

Student admission to Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College is managed through the Admissions Office of the Student Services Department. Applications for admission, college tours, brochures and other college information can be obtained from this department.

Bookstore

The college bookstore supplies books and related academic resource materials required to complete course work at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. New and used books, along with a wide variety of school-related items, are available to meet school and personal needs. Extended hours are posted during peak times, including the start of new semester periods.



Business Office

Tuition and fees due to the college are paid at the Business Office. Checks should be made payable to Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. All financial aid disbursement is issued through this office. Extended hours are posted during peak times of need.

Career Resource Center

All Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College students have access to the resources and services of the Career Resource Center, located in the Student Services area. Information on career exploration, labor market information, transfer requirements and job search techniques are available. Individualized career counseling is provided by the college counselors and advisors.

Center for Academic Achievement

The Center for Academic Achievement provides services to assist students with the challenges of college course work. Professional and peer tutoring is available at no cost to students. Help is also offered for building study habits, test-taking skills and time management. The Center for Academic Achievement is located in the west wing of the building.

Clubs and Organizations

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College offers a wide variety of clubs and activities based on student interest and initiative. Existing clubs include Human Services Club, Anishinaabe Student Congress, Student Senate, Law Enforcement Club, Computer Science Club, Phi Theta Kappa, American Indian Business Leaders, and the Outdoor Recreation Club. New clubs can be formed, information on starting a new club is available by contacting the student activities coordinator.

Child Care

Licensed child care services are available on the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College campus. The child care service is operated by an independent contractor and is not operated by Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. The child care center is open during regular day-school times, and serves a range of ages. Need-based financial assistance is available to eligible students. Child care services and availability are subject to change.



Computer Resources

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College is proud of the computer facilities available to students. Computers are available for student use in several locations on campus. Two 35-station teaching labs are used for classroom instruction. One lab features Macintosh computers and one features Windows computers. Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College also has an open-use, 42-station computer lab in the west wing, and additional computer stations are available in the Center for Academic Achievement. All computers have high-speed digital Internet access and state-of-the-art software for desktop publishing, web-page creation, web-page navigation, email, graphics, spreadsheet and word processing. Scanners are also available for student use. A secure wireless access is available throughout the campus.



Distance Learning

To augment the courses offered to students, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College participates in several distance learning networks. Courses can be delivered or received to/from any higher education institution in the state. Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College is unique in its ability to offer and receive courses via satellite across the country. Completing college courses via online learning is also available to students. Courses are offered each semester that utilize the online learning environment.

Financial Aid

In order to ensure students' ability to access education, the Financial Aid Office staff at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College help students in identifying and obtaining financial assistance in the form of grants, scholarships, loans and student employment. Financial aid is available to students with a wide range of personal situations, and students are encouraged to meet with the Financial Aid staff to discuss the process.

Food Service

Lunches are available for purchase Monday through Friday on days school is in session. Vending machines for soft drinks and snacks are available during regular building hours. The Kaffiend's Korner coffee shop operates on days when classes are in session.

Housing

Campus residence halls at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College provide a convenient, safe, and comfortable place for students to live during their college experience. The residence halls at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College are managed and supervised by a live-in Housing Director who is an employee of the college. Additional staff include student Residence Advisors who assist in the operation of the facility and help plan activities for residents. The facility has a 24-hour security system with video surveillance in public areas inside and outside the building.

The spectacular architecture and functional room designs combine to offer a pleasant environment for all residents. Individual apartment units are spacious, and room fees include the amenities of basic cable television, local telephone service, high-speed Internet



access, air conditioning, and all utilities including electricity, water, sewer, heat, and garbage pick-up service. Computer study stations equipped with Internet access and popular software applications are available for educational use.

The student housing complex consists of one building with two wings, offering accommodations for 100 residents. The apartment-style units come completely



furnished with furniture in the bedroom, living room and dining areas. Each unit has a kitchen with refrigerator, stove, sink, and food storage areas. All units contain at least one bathroom with shower. Each resident has a bed with mattress, study area with desk and chair, bookshelves, chest of drawers, and a wardrobe closet in their unit.

Common areas include student

lounge and laundry facilities. Ample parking is available near the building. The entire housing facility is a non-smoking area and alcohol-free. Residents in the housing complex have access to and participate in a wide range of activities including movie outings, barbecues, concerts, athletic events, and various cultural and community activities.



Ruth A. Myers Library/ Ojibwe Archives

The Ruth A. Myers Library/Ojibwe Archives, located on the north end of the college, is central to the academic mission of the college. The library serves a dual capacity as both a tribal college and a community college library, providing library users a full range of services and access to materials supporting the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College academic curricula and emphasizing Native American history, culture, and sovereignty, especially of the Anishinaabeg.

The library's in-house materials include monographic, audio-visual, newspaper and journal, and microform collections. Government document materials include Minnesota State documents on microfiche and federal documents as appropriate to the missions of the library and college. Native American materials are a major focus of all collection areas. Special collections include the Anishinaabe and Minnesota regional collections and a juvenile/young adult collection of American Indian materials.



The library's physical collection is accessed via an on-line catalog system linked with academic libraries in Minnesota and other states. The library also provides electronic access to subject databases and indexes, some of which are full-text, and to the Internet. In addition, the library provides interlibrary loan services to assist users in obtaining materials from other libraries.

Educating users in the skills necessary for efficient and effective library use is essential to the library's mission, and library staff emphasize their educational role by promoting library literacy. Integral to library services is the provision of reference and research assistance, available most hours the

library is open. Library instruction is available to classes and individuals, being tailored to meet specific needs from general and point-of-use to subject-specific research.



Disability Services

Accommodations and support for students with documented disabilities are provided through Disability Services. Students with documented disabilities are asked to make requests for services prior to the start of classes. Services may include assistance with college procedures, academic and career counseling, auxiliary aids and adaptive equipment, advocacy, classroom and testing accommodations, accessibility information, and referrals.

Parking

Parking is provided by the college to all students, staff, and visitors. Handicapped parking is available in designated areas.

PROP: Providing Resources, Opportunities and Possibilities

The PROP Program at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College assists students in making the adjustment to the rigors of college life. Through a supportive and caring environment, students work toward gaining the confidence and skills necessary to succeed in college and their future careers. Individual academic and career counseling, cultural enrichment events, and personal development workshops are available through the PROP Program.

Records Office

Student academic records and grade reports are maintained here. Students may obtain transcripts, registration materials, and academic petition forms through this office.

Student Identification Cards

All students enrolling in classes at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College may obtain an official college identification card. Photos for student identification cards are taken at the beginning of each semester. For more information, contact the Admissions Office or the Information Window.



USDA Center of Excellence

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service, operates a Center of Excellence on the campus. The Center of Excellence focuses on using Geographic Information Systems to create electronic databases for use in high-tech digital applications related to natural resource management. Participating students are introduced to scientific careers and learn about basic to advanced ArcGIS skills as applied in natural resource management. Students are also introduced to aerial photo interpretation and remote sensing fundamentals in Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College was the nation's first American Indian land grant institution selected to establish a Center of Excellence. The federal Center of Excellence program supports partnerships and enhanced working relationships between United States Department of Agriculture agencies and American Indian tribes.



Customized Training and Continuing Education

The Customized Training and Continuing Education Department at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College offers affordable training on topics that benefit the diverse needs of individuals, business and industry in the local community and beyond. The mission of the Customized Training and Continuing Education Department is to be the premier training source for individuals and organizations. The department is concerned with identifying individual, industry, business and community needs, organizing resources in the community and the college, and creating appropriate educational and cultural programs.



Customized Training is credit or non-credit based courses that are offered to a specific organization to build on the strengths of employees, upgrade skills, improve productivity, and provide professional development for workers at all levels. Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College provides fully customized training and educational materials; high quality, experienced trainers; flexible scheduling; friendly service; multiple delivery methods; and training sites located at the organization or on the college campus. As part of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, the resources of 32 colleges are available to companies and organizations. With a strong commitment to education and the workforce, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College provides the best in workforce development at the most affordable cost.

Continuing Education includes non-credit courses, workshops, conferences and seminars. Typical courses include topics relating to leadership skills, communication, diversity training, sales, customer service, health care, public safety, technical training, environmental health and safety, industry quality and trades, and computer software applications. Instruction for almost any topic can be arranged.



The goals of the Customized Training and Continuing Education Department are to provide:

- Continuing learning opportunities for people of all ages.
- Educational programs for persons wishing to upgrade present skills or learn skills that will enable them to explore new occupational areas.
- Cultural and enrichment activities for groups and individuals to enhance the quality of living in the community.
- Expanded use of college facilities and community resources.



Arrangements can be made through the Customized Training and Continuing Education Department for courses or workshops designed for professional, business, and industrial organizations, agencies and/or groups of private citizens. These learning activities can be delivered to groups of any size that share a

common interest. Participants will have individual records maintained by the college and will receive certificates of completion.

Institute for Objective Human Understanding

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College has accepted a unique role and responsibility in fostering diversity in society. The Institute for Objective Human Understanding at the college sponsors many learning opportunities related to respecting and understanding of differences of people from diverse backgrounds. The college is dedicated to the search for knowledge, and the right of every individual in our learning community to pursue that search with freedom, dignity, and security, regardless of race, ethnic heritage, gender, age, religious affiliation, sexual preference, or physical ability.

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College is committed to the development of multi-cultural learning in an atmosphere of caring. All members of the college community share a responsibility to ensure that Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College is an open and welcoming community for all who enter.

Intercollegiate Athletics

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College offers intercollegiate athletic programs as part of the student activities and student life program on campus. The new tradition at the college began during 2007–2008 academic year and sports seasons. The first few seasons of intercollegiate athletics at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College will be an exciting opportunity for student athletes. Teams will work hard to establish a winning tradition and a reputation for excellence in the classroom, on the playing fields, and in the community.

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College currently offers opportunities in these sports:

- Football
- Women's Volleyball
- Women's Basketball
- Men's Basketball
- Women's Softball

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College competes at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III level and strongly adheres to the philosophy of NJCAA Division III mission to create and provide opportunities for student participation in athletic activities. Athletic scholarships are not awarded at the NJCAA Division III level.

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College is a member of the Minnesota College Athletic Conference that currently includes 17 two-year institutions throughout Minnesota. Volleyball and basketball are played in the Lester Jack Briggs Cultural Center on campus that includes the gymnasium, locker rooms, team meeting space, weight room and fitness area. Football games, softball games, and practices are played on established fields and stadiums near the campus. All playing fields have a reputation for excellent groundskeeping and first-class playing surfaces.

If you are a student athlete currently considering attending Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College and would like to receive information regarding student-athlete participation and college eligibility requirements, contact Co-Athletic Directors Anita Hanson or Jen MacKay at 218-879-0800.



Museum and Cultural Learning Center

In a joint effort between Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College and the Fond du Lac Reservation, a Museum and Cultural Learning Center is located at the intersection of Big Lake Road and University Road in Cloquet. The Museum and Cultural Learning Center is one component of the Veterans Memorial Park at the site.

The establishment of the Museum and Cultural Learning Center is a direct response to the 1990 American Indian Repatriation Bill, which urges the return of sacred ceremonial items to

their tribes. The Museum and Cultural Learning Center houses, preserves, and displays any artifacts returned to the tribe. Educational workshops and seminars are also conducted at the Museum. The American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) of Tribal Colleges, in cooperation with the Log

Homes Council and with the programmatic and technical assistance from the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of the American Indian, put together a plan to secure a museum building for each tribal college. The Science Museum of Minnesota assisted in planning and production of the displays for the Fond du Lac Museum and Cultural Learning Center.