



FNLKC Conference Workshop Presenter

Workshop Title: Classroom Essentials for First Nations' Educators

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Biography: Celia Deschambault is nēhiyaw from Cumberland House and represents Muskeg iyiniwak. She has been an educator for 16 years with the last six in the area of culture and language. She has worked for BATC Education for three years and is starting her third year with MLTC where she is the First Nations Language Revitalization Coordinator. She works with both Cree and Dene schools within the MLTC umbrella. Their language initiatives follow a LLRC Framework and holistic method using land, languages, relationships and culture as the basis of the framework. Through those four areas, they cover subject based activities in a First Nations context.

Abstract: This workshop will walk participants through various essentials that should be present in the classroom from opening activities to learning center models. Educators and learners will be introduced to various pieces that connect First Nations' languages with contemporary materials in a First Nations context, making learning more relevant and exciting for students as learning activities are outcome based and student centered. These activities will be modeled through various instructional methodologies and explain how it is used. A description of essential classroom materials will be displayed and modeled. The workshop will cover various outcomes from numeracy, mathematics and science in First Nations languages following the outcomes outlined by the Ministry as well as connections to existing First Nations curriculum. Developments over the past year will be shared.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this workshop, delegates will:

- Learn new and innovative tools with regards to language revitalization and how to incorporate them with existing learning materials