

## UPEI ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

### Introduction

All Canadians must recognize the painful legacy of Canada's residential school system and the intergenerational impacts it has had on Indigenous Peoples, continue to learn the truths about this tragic history in our country and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families.

UPEI is committed to advancing reconciliation through higher education. As a community, we have started a journey of growth to realize the role we must play in understanding Indigenous history and culture, and supporting respectful relationships.

We must always remember that we are all Treaty people and that UPEI is located on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq of Epekwitk.

Let the *Seven Sacred Teachings* be our guiding principles as we continue to reflect, act and move together towards a better tomorrow.

### Seven Sacred Teachings

There are many versions of these seven teachings across Turtle Island. Here we have called them the Seven Sacred Teachings; they are also sometimes referred to as the Seven Grandfather Teachings. Nations and communities may use differing stories to impart these teachings, but the same guiding principles and morals can be found in all.

To cherish knowledge is to know WISDOM

To know LOVE is to know peace

To honour all of the Creation is to have RESPECT

BRAVERY is to face the foe with integrity

HONESTY also means "righteousness", be honest first with yourself – in word and action

HUMILITY is to know yourself as a sacred part of the Creation

TRUTH is to know all of these things

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