



Oneida Higher Education

STAY INFORMED NEWSLETTER

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“BACK TO SCHOOL”

New and Continuing Students

Getting into the rhythm of being in school may be tricky so here are some invaluable tips in making the school experience successful overall.

Don't Procrastinate – Plan ahead and be in control of your schedule. Procrastination will be one of your biggest obstacles to success in college. Set a study schedule and assignment deadlines for each week – and stick to them.

Attend Class – This may seem obvious, but one way to make your college life easier is to be in class. Announcements are made; material that is not in the book may be presented and pop quizzes might be given without notice that turn into extra points or missed points! In addition, you will learn just by being present and will gain a sense of what is important from the lecture that will be an important aid in studying out of class.

Tutoring – Take advantage of study resources on campus. Familiarize yourself where to go for additional help. If you are not sure, ask your advisor or class instructor.

Plan Accordingly – Transportation, childcare and work schedules.

Take Responsibility – Be knowledgeable, ask questions, and meet deadlines.

Budget Your Money – Spending smart while saving money is key to academic success. Pay debts on – time leads to good credit rating. Develop and stick to a budget, it is likely to reduce the uncertainty about your finances throughout the semester and be sure the essentials are covered.

“E-TRANSCRIPTS, A NEW WAY TO SUBMIT OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT”

OHE (Oneida Higher Education) is encouraging students to look into a service called E-Transcripts at their School. This service allows students to order an official transcript which is delivered swiftly on-line confidentially. Many Schools do offer the service called E-Transcripts, this method of submitting official transcripts is the most efficient and effective way to readily have official transcripts confidentially submitted. To find out if your school is using the E-Transcripts, check with the Registrar's Office. Each school is different and a fee is involved.



NOW IS THE TIME OF YEAR TO PREPARE FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

By having a complete file. A complete Higher Education file includes:

- ⇒ College/ University acceptance letter (New students only)
- ⇒ Oneida Higher Education Application (Yearly)
- ⇒ Participant Acknowledgement and Agreement Form (Yearly)
- ⇒ Oneida Academic Plan (Prior to each Semester/Term)
- ⇒ Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with parent/student tax information. www.fasfa.ed.gov (Yearly)
- ⇒ Official Transcript of Grades (Current students must request these be sent after each Semester/Term)

Mission Statement

The Higher Education program of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin promotes higher education to eligible Tribal members by providing guidance, support, and financial assistance to those attending accredited institutions of higher learning with a goal toward self-sufficiency.

WHAT EVERY STUDENT SHOULD KNOW

- ⇒ There is a limited amount of terms eligible for funding in each degree.

(Based on full time funding)

- Vocational/Associates/Technical degree = 2.5 years
 - Undergraduate degree = 5 years
 - Graduate degree = 3 years
 - Doctoral/Professional = 5 years
- ⇒ Students are required to “successfully complete” ALL the credits/courses they were funded for. Successfully complete means keeping a minimum 2.0 TERM GPA for undergraduate and 3.0 TERM GPA for Graduate and above.
 - ⇒ Did you know you can **use our general email** highered@oneidanation.org to send applications/forms/documents/”official” transcript.



WE KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO REACH US

During peak and nonpeak times, we know how important it is to reach us, walk-ins are always welcomed likewise you can reach us directly to follow-up on your files.

Direct contact information is also listed on the WEB, if you are a new student, the WEB walks you through key information with all the essential forms/applications at your fingertips, ready to print off plus you can put a face with a name as we have a special tab on the WEB “Meet our Staff” featuring color photos of your favorite advisors.

You can reach advisors directly by phone or e-mail without delay or routing.

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CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

We love opportunities to brag about our graduates so send us your Graduation picture, copy of your diploma, and any other acknowledgement so we can display it on the department’s “Student Achievement Board” for all to see and be inspired!

We are also excited to feature graduate students in the Success Spotlight , send us a photo along with your story / journey and be the next student that everyone is reading about! Looking forward to all submissionsEmail: prippl@oneidanation.org

The new Oneida alumni association is welcoming graduates to be apart of this opportunity to use your education in giving back to the community without necessarily having to move back to the community. Do you enjoy community service? Mentor? Tutoring? Socials? Then reach out to us so we can work together. Contact Paula Rippl / Project Specialist for more details, (920)869-4436.

Success Spotlight: Candi J. Cornelius

My name is Candi Cornelius and I am enrolled Oneida. I have lived on the Oneida reservation most of my life. I am very grateful for the Oneida higher education program for helping me financially so I could obtain two college degrees. I am a proud graduate of the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and Bellin College of Nursing. I received my bachelors of science in nursing (BSN) in 1996 from UW Eau Claire. I then worked as a school nurse for 13 years. In 2010 my younger sister challenged me to start my master degree with her and I accepted the challenge. Together we signed up to be part time students at Bellin College to get our Masters as Nurse Educators. We made it through the new and challenging blended education which included one semester on campus and one online. During our master program my dream job became available so I took a chance and applied. In 2011 I got the position as the prenatal nurse for the Oneida Clinic which I truly enjoy. Then in May of 2012, my sister and I both graduated as Nurse Educators from Bellin College. While doing clinical work for my master program I met some great instructors at NWTC. After graduation I was offered to be a clinical instructor for nursing students at NWTC. It is amazing how my path came full circle, the student is now the teacher!

There were different obstacles for each of my degrees due to my age and whether or not I had children. When I went to UW Eau Claire I was single and free. I tell my kids I love being a mom but I will never forget my first years in college being off on my own. Education in our family is a top priority and going onto college is just the next normal step to take after high school. I tell my daughters that college will be a time you will never forget and change your life forever. Preparation for college was another thing my parents taught me was important so I went to all kinds of camps starting in middle school. Now looking back I think it was helpful to attend those camps away from home so I could develop independence and confidence at a young age. Moving to college and saying good bye was difficult but in time I had a new routine and kept busy.





Unfortunately, like most college freshmen I struggled with time management and test taking skills. Luckily, I was confident enough to ask for help right away after I did not do so well on my first exams. My student advisor and instructors were very helpful. I found out that I was not adding enough studying time to my daily schedule. I was so excited that I only had two to three classes a day and thought just attending class lecture was enough, but it wasn't. I later learned that for every hour in class I should have been studying two hours! From then on I would fill out my daily schedule with class time, study time then finally time with friends. I also

met with a tutor to work on test taking skills which was also very helpful. Putting in the extra hours that sometimes lasted until early morning was difficult but it paid off in the end when I got good grades and a feeling of accomplishment. However, while getting my master degree I had a job and three children to take care of so organization, prioritizing things and once again time management were very important to be successful. After a long day at work and college I would remind myself the dishes or wash could wait and I would bond with my daughters first. I told my daughters how important getting my masters was to me and that it would help me provide more for them. They were very supportive and understanding. I hope I served as a role model for them that one can get an education at any age or stage in life. I also learned the importance of asking for help. I am very fortunate to have a supportive family who was always willing to babysit, cook or attend my daughter's school events that I was unable to. The saying is true; it takes a village to raise a child!

The highlights of my college years was the feeling of accomplishment at the end of each semester, learning new and interesting things, meeting new people and being able to pursue a career that would make me happy. When I was in the bachelor program at UW Eau Claire I remember being happy when I finished all the general education classes. This meant I could start the nursing classes and was excited to work on getting ready for my future career. I loved all my nursing classes so I knew it was a good fit for me. This made me excited to find a job that I would truly enjoy and make a difference! Nursing is an area that opens many doors which is exciting and adventurous. Getting my college education gave me the opportunity to do something I have a great passion for, which is helping others. I would encourage all youth to attend any college to get a chance to learn more about something you have a passion for so you can have a job you love and make a positive difference in your community! Yaw^ko.

