

## **F26.49 Institute for Native-serving Educators**

### **Overview**

Darold JosephThe Institute for Native-serving Educators (INE) is a collaborative initiative to strengthen schools across Indian Country. Housed in NAU's Office of Native American and Indigenous Advancement (ONAIA), we partner with Native Nations, Indigenous-serving schools, and public school districts on and bordering reservation communities to develop professional development opportunities that meet community needs. We do not have a one-size-fits-all approach to professional development. Instead, we build a unique professional development experience based on the goals of the community and based on research and best practices in culturally responsive schooling. Students working with the INE will be able to engage with PK-12 teachers, learn about professional development programming, increase their knowledge of culturally sustaining and responsive pedagogies in education, and develop their skills to collect and synthesize data.

### **What the student will DO and LEARN**

Contribute to activities for data collection and compiling reports

Disseminate project related information via INE social media outlets and the NAU/INE website Utilize platforms such as Canva to create informational flyers and newsletters to elevate the awareness of the INE

Present to College of Education students in undergraduate courses

Assist in designing and selecting INE promotional material

Participate in promoting and recruiting for the INE

Assist with maintaining and updating contact lists for program partners and participants

### **Additional benefits**

This position is well suited for students who want to acquire knowledge about PK-12 educational environments and how the teachers in those settings support Indigenous students through implementing culturally sustaining and responsive practices. Student will receive mentorship and develop skills and increase their capacity in communication, data collection/management and reporting, team work, and engage with NAU faculty and educational professionals outside of NAU. The INE staff will work with the student to pair interests of the student with program related activities.

### **Additional qualifications**

Be willing to work independently for some activities; Stay in good academic standing.

### **Time commitment**

10 hrs/week for 30 weeks