

Bacone College American Indian Summer Bridge Program Summer 2009

**Based on the recommendations of Dr. Pete Coser
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Mission Statement: Bacone College, an independent institution related to the American Baptist Churches USA, maintains its commitment to serving American Indians within a culturally diverse community. The College, through its baccalaureate and associate degree programs, challenges students to develop intellectual and social skills, spiritual values and healthy lifestyles by providing quality education in a nurturing Christian environment.

Bacone College Bridge Program: In its efforts to meet its commitment to serve the American Indian community within the boundaries of the Mission Statement of Bacone College, Bacone College will offer a twelve-week (Three 4 week sessions – students may participate in any and all sessions) Native American Summer Bridge Program to meet the needs of prospective American Indian students by providing an academic and social opportunity to bridge and transition to Bacone College for the purpose of becoming productive and contributing citizens of their communities.

- A cohort of twenty-five American Indian students will be identified for the program.
- A Bacone College staff person will be identified to coordinate or assist in the initiation, development, and implementation of the American Indian Summer Bridge Program.
- American Indian students will be identified through the Bacone College application process for the 2009-2010 academic year.
- American Indian students that qualify academically will be sent a letter of opportunity to participate in the Program.
- The Program students will reside in Student Housing supported by a meal plan for the duration of the Program with financial support from the tribes involved.
- The identified cohort will enroll in 12 hours of college credit in general education.
- The students selected for the Program will interact with the Program Directors of the American Indian Students of Promise Program, the American Indian Learning Work Community, and the American Indian Club Teams and other administrative offices and support services of Bacone College.
- The students in the Program must complete and receive a 2.0 grade point average in at least 3 hours of college credit in general education courses to be admitted at Bacone College as full-time students within the established standards of admission to the college.
- The students who successfully complete the Program and attend Bacone College will receive scholarship support from one of the three American Indian programs at Bacone.

Assessment Measure: The Vice-President/Dean of Faculty will direct appropriate follow-up assessment of the Bacone College American Indian Summer Bridge Program with both input from program staff and faculty review to determine plans of action for program effectiveness and productivity for future sessions.