

ALUMNI In Focus

Current Job:

Look North Economic Development Advisor,
Communities Economic Development Fund, Opaskwayak Cree Nation, MB

What her job entails:

Community Economic Development Fund was selected to be the lead entity of Look North, the newest development strategy for The North – created by Northerners. Officially, I am a CEDF Look North Economic Development Advisor.

As a CEDF Look North Economic Development Advisor, I have a more than one role to fulfill. My functional role is to establish a culture of commerce within youth and I assist people wanting to be self-employed. I help government strengthen relationships in our province's most remote, isolated communities and I assist community councils with planning.

Future Plans:

Currently, my plan is to continue working for CEDF Look North and then further my education. Since graduating from the CED Program, I applied for and received, my Level 1 Technical Aboriginal Economic Developer (TAED) Certificate from CANDO. I am also completing EDAM (Economic Developers Association of Manitoba) training, which is Manitoba's certification program for economic developers. Receiving my TAED Certification and continuing with the EDAM studies has inspired me to further my academic studies, which, I plan on doing with Waterloo University in 2021. I finally feel as though I am in control of my future and I want that degree, maybe masters...



Shannon Goulet

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How did your UCN Program help launch your career?

Not only did the Community Economic Development Program provide me with a foundation to perform the work I do, it opened up other doors – gave me more options in other areas of economic and community development...but I had my sights set on CEDF. I got the job I wanted.

How did your UCN Program help you achieve and advance your career goals to-date?

I was in a slump. I had a series of jobs I was good at although, neither of them felt right. Don't get me wrong, they were very good jobs with awesome managers and staff, they just weren't for me. The Community Economic Development Program information brochure highlighted areas I wanted to specialize in but was never high enough in the organizational ladder to be a part of. Once I read the CED brochure, I was hooked – I knew it was for me. That being said, the CED program launched me in the direction I wanted to be in.

What key competencies did you acquire?

Soooo many to choose from. Project Management, Community Development, Economic Development, Sustainable Environment & Land Stewardship and, Governance and Leadership; but my favorite one is Tourism.

Anything else you would like to share to encourage prospective students?

Don't ever give up. Education is key to making it out there on your own. Never stop learning, never stop trying.