



# Aboriginal Cultural Awareness

## Coast Salish

### Course Overview:

When individuals from differing cultural backgrounds interact, there is often miscommunication, misunderstanding, and frustration. These obstacles can be overcome by making all parties more culturally sensitive. It is important for people to recognize how cultural backgrounds affect individual perceptions and actions; and how cultural awareness can improve the relationship between people from differing cultural backgrounds.

*Aboriginal Cultural Awareness – Coast Salish* is designed to provide non-Aboriginal participants with a greater understanding of the issues and challenges facing Aboriginal people in Canada. The first four modules of the course introduce the groups that make up Canada's Aboriginal population, examine Canadian history from an Aboriginal perspective and explore the ways in which historical injustices have impacted on Aboriginal culture. Module five looks at the specific history of the Coast Salish Peoples of Canada.

### Who Should Take the Course?

This course is designed for all levels of management and employees who work with, or will be working with Aboriginal clients, customers and/or co workers. It is also for individuals who wish to have a better general understanding of Aboriginal culture, with a specific focus on the Coast Salish Peoples of Canada.

### Course Objectives:

Ultimately, the goal of *Aboriginal Cultural Awareness – Coast Salish* is to help non-Aboriginals work with Aboriginals in ways that convey respect for Aboriginal culture and understanding of the issues that are important to Aboriginal people.

### The course is presented in 5 modules:

1. The Importance of Culture and Cultural Awareness
2. The Aboriginal Peoples of Canada
3. Canadian History from an Aboriginal Perspective
4. Present and Future Challenges for Aboriginal People
5. The Coast Salish

### Evaluation Process:

At the end of each module, there is a test. Participants must successfully complete the test before continuing to the next module. Participants that do not achieve 100% can review the module content and try as many times as necessary to advance and complete the course. Test questions are randomly selected from a test bank, making each test unique.

***Upon successfully completing all modules, there is a printable certificate for your records.***

### Course Duration:

This online course is self-paced. Participants may leave the course at anytime and can resume where they left off. Each module of *Aboriginal Cultural Awareness – Coast Salish* will take approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete. The duration will depend on the individual participant and their prior knowledge of the subject matter. On average, the course will take between 4 - 5 hours to complete.