



2024-25 Community Language Program

Intergenerational use and transmission of language is the ultimate goal of Indigenous language revitalization work and the mission of Salish School of Spokane (SSOS). This year at SSOS, we are continuing to increase opportunities and incentives for parents and community members to gain more proficiency and fluency in Salish so that we can increase the potential for intergenerational use and transmission of the language. To this end, we are expanding our community language programming and continuing paid language training for parents and select community members.

Parents and select community members will be classified as paid Language Trainees and will receive a training stipend equivalent to \$20.00 per hour for the hours that they commit to *ńsəl̓xčín* language training. Stipends will be paid by check or as a tuition credit. For tax purposes, trainees will receive a 1099 from SSOS at the end of the calendar year showing all trainee stipend payments.

Following are the community language classes that we expect to offer for the 2024-25 school year. Community *ńsəl̓xčín* classes will start the week of September 16, 2024 and will conclude in July 2025. Classes will be open to both SSOS parents and to community members. Depending upon funding and staffing, we expect to offer complimentary drop-in childcare for parents attending evening language classes, as well as dinner on class nights, Monday through Thursday.

Section 1: Exploratory Beginning *ńsəl̓xčín*

6:00-8:00 pm Wednesday evenings when SSOS is in session

Class will cover material from the book, *ńsəl̓xčín 1: A Beginning Course in Colville Okanagan Salish*. Class is for complete beginners or beginners who have not mastered the material in the N1 book. This class is for those able to make only a minimal commitment to learning *ńsəl̓xčín*. Class will include quizzes or tests at each meeting and participants will be expected to maintain an 80% average. This class will begin on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.



Section 2: Salish 101- Fluency Track Beginning ḥsəl̓xč̓iḥ

6:00-8:00 pm, Monday & Wednesday evenings when SSOS is in session.

This class is both a community class and a three-course sequence with Spokane Falls Community College (Salish 101, 102 & 103). The course is open to students registered through SFCC as well as to community members who would like to audit the class. Classes will cover material from the books, *Ḥsəl̓xč̓iḥ 1: A Beginning Course in Colville- Okanagan Salish* and *Čaptíkʷ 1: Ḥsəl̓xč̓iḥ Stories for Beginners*. Class is for complete beginners or beginners who have not yet mastered the material in the N1 book. This class is for those interested in truly gaining proficiency in ḥsəl̓xč̓iḥ and being on a track to fluency. Class will include quizzes or tests at each meeting and participants will be expected to maintain an 80% average. This class will begin on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

Section 3: Fluency Track Advanced Beginning ḥsəl̓xč̓iḥ

6:00-8:00 pm, Tuesday & Thursday evenings when SSOS is in session.

Classes will cover material from the books, *Čaptíkʷ 1: Ḥsəl̓xč̓iḥ Stories for Beginners* and *Ḥsəl̓xč̓iḥ 2: A Intermediate Course in Colville-Okanagan Salish*. Class is for advanced beginners who have mastered the material in the *Ḥsəl̓xč̓iḥ 1* book. This class is for those interested in gaining proficiency in ḥsəl̓xč̓iḥ and being on a track to fluency. Class will include quizzes or tests at each meeting and participants will be expected to maintain an 80% average. This class will begin on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

Section 4: Fluency Track Intermediate ḥsəl̓xč̓iḥ

6:00-8:00 pm, Tuesday & Thursday evenings when SSOS is in session.

Classes will cover material from the book, *Ḥsəl̓xč̓iḥ 2: A Intermediate Course in Colville-Okanagan Salish* and *Čaptíkʷ 2: Intermediate ḥsəl̓xč̓iḥ Stories*. This class is for intermediate learners who have mastered the material in the *Ḥsəl̓xč̓iḥ 1* and *Čaptíkʷ 1* books. This class is for those interested in gaining proficiency in ḥsəl̓xč̓iḥ and being on a track to fluency. Class will include quizzes or tests at each meeting and participants will be expected to maintain an 80% average. This class will begin on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.



Community Language Trainee Application Form 2024-25

A. Trainee Information

First & Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Tribal Membership or Affiliation(s) if any: _____

Č. Language Training Preferences (check one)

_____ Section 1: Exploratory Beginning *ńsəl̓xčín̓*, 6:00-8:00 pm, Wednesday evenings

_____ Section 2: Salish 101-103 Beginning *ńsəl̓xčín̓*, 6:00-8:00 pm, Mon & Wed evenings

_____ Section 3: Advanced Beginning *ńsəl̓xčín̓*, 6:00-8:00 pm, Tues & Thurs evenings

_____ Section 4: Intermediate *ńsəl̓xčín̓*, 6:00-8:00 pm, Tues & Thurs evenings

Ĉ. Educational Stipend

Salish School of Spokane has limited funding to provide an educational stipend to parents and select community members. To receive a stipend, students must maintain an 80% or high in their course. Please indicate below if you would like to apply for an educational stipend:

_____ Yes, please consider me for an educational stipend.

_____ No thank you. I do not need a stipend.

ε. APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION AND AGREEMENT

I understand that Salish School of Spokane does not discriminate in its schooling, training or employment practices against any person because of race, color, national or ethnic origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or qualified disability. I hereby certify that the facts set forth in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this is only an application for training and that no training or employment contract is being offered at this time. I certify that I have carefully read and do understand the above statements.

Signature of Applicant

Date