# First Nations Studies and Human Service Practice Assignment

**Community Overview**

**Introduction**

Select an Aboriginal community and provide a comprehensive overview of the community as if you were preparing to work within that community. The community could be in an urban setting such as a Friendship Centre. You can also look at resources that provide services to several communities. Sometimes, communities are too small to have their own services so several communities band together to combine services. Be creative and access various sources of information to complete this assignment, including websites, books, and direct contact. **The assignment is in two parts.**

**Part One – Presentation**

Create a slide presentation using PowerPoint or a similar tool (Open Office, Google Slides, etc.) to present the community you pick. **Your presentation is to be no more than 20 slides, includes your recorded narration and automatic timing, and is a maximum of 25 minutes.**

Your presentation should include the following:

1. **The Communities History** Presentation of significant historical events
2. **The Communities Current services & issues** Presentation of current services, gaps, & issues
3. **Sources** At least two sources of information, references listed
4. **Picture choices** (21 slides) Pictures of the community that illustrate your ideas / points

When you record the voice-over, do speak from notes but try not to just read the presentation. This part of the assignment is worth 10 marks.

**Part Two – Essay**

Your essay is to be written in APA style (including a cover page, double-spaced lines, 12pt. font, APA formatted references) and should be from 8 to 10 pages. This part of the assignment is more formal and includes more details than the presentation. You should start by researching the physical & political aspects of the community, pre and post contact historical events and impacts of colonization, the current social, language, & educational programs, current services & gaps and the community’s strengths. Remember to cite references and include a resources list at the end of your paper.

Be creative on how to access information in order to complete this assignment. You can use websites, books, and direct contact in order to collect the information you need.

Your essay should achieve the following:

1. Describe the community including the primary culture(s), language(s) and location(s).
2. Summarize the history of the community (pre and post-contact events) and the impacts of colonialism (specific impacts of the *Indian Act* and residential schools).
3. List the main issues currently being addressed in the community and what are the gaps in services that still need attention.
4. Describe the community’s education and social services (i.e. schools, employment services, child welfare) and how they are helping to address the concerns of the community.
5. Summarize the community’s strengths.