

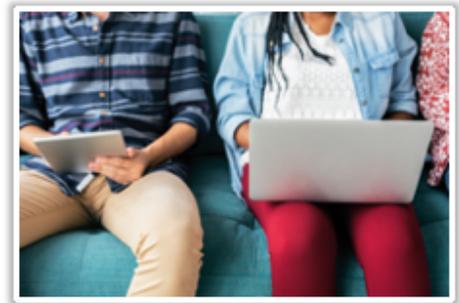


Unama'ki PTECH: A New Technology Education Program Available to Unama'ki Youth!

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) is a new type of **program** that brings together the best elements of high school, college and the professional world.

P-TECH enables students to begin their college and professional lives more quickly and with more support than the typical **school-to-work** pathway.



This **innovative education model** is a proud partnership between Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey (MK), schools in the 5 First Nations communities across Unama'ki, Mi'kmaw Economic Benefits Office (MEBO), provincial and federal governments, Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) and technology giant IBM.

Why enroll in the Unama'ki P-Tech program?

- Students from Unama'ki P-Tech will **graduate** with both a Nova Scotia **High School Diploma** and a 2-year Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) diploma at **no cost**.
- Provides **real world work experiences**/placements, industry mentors, field trips, tech camps and more, in addition to classroom learning.
- Students' **progress** based on their **own abilities and competencies** and can graduate in 4,5 or 6 years beginning in your grade 9 community school. Grade 10 and beyond see students from across each school come together in one location for completion (most likely Membertou).
- **Mi'kmaq culture and language** will be part of all programs within P-Tech.

Who is a good fit for P-Tech?

- Unama'ki students entering Grade 9 motivated to learn in a new, exciting way.
- Interested in applying for science, technology engineering and math.
- Collaborative and works well in a team environment.
- Innovative and creative, open to non-traditional, classroom setting.



Our wish is for the success of our youth to be equipped with the skills to fill the jobs of the future right here in Unama'ki.

Working with IBM, who is in need of hiring for jobs in the technology field, like coding, program development and more, will ensure a job interview at the end of this program. Other local information technology companies will also be part of our program that moves our youth from school to work.

The Chiefs and Councils in Unama'ki see this initiative as helping to address some of the economic-education recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report. This is about preparing the next generation for new technology and a new business future.

How do I learn more or enroll for Fall 2019?

Space is limited.

To be considered for the 2019-2020 program (fall Sept 2019 start), grade 8 students must fill out a student application form. This form will be sent home and available at each school.

The form can be filled out by a teacher, guidance counsellor or principal on behalf of the student and their parent/ guardian or by the parent/guardian themselves and returned to the home room teacher.



To register or for more questions visit your school or contact below!

Program information can be found at www.mebons.ca. You can also email or call Wanda Compton, P-Tech Project Manager at wandacompton@mebons.ca or 902.562.4700, x 3314 or 902.919.2345