

## Credenda Virtual High School

Jurisdiction: First Nations/INAC/SK

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Level: K-12

Theme: Classroom-based practices

### Description of Practice:

Credenda Virtual High School (CVHS) is an e-learning project that provides a wide range of courses to northern students in Saskatchewan who have typically had limited opportunities due to small class sizes or lack of specialized teachers. The program provides synchronous delivery (real time live interaction between students and teachers) of math and science courses on-line.

### Background:

CVHS is a project that was initiated by the Prince Albert Grand Council (PAGC) for the high school and adult students of their communities. CVHS provides a quality academic 10-12 program with a greater range of math and science subjects such as calculus, math, physics, chemistry and biology. In addition they are beginning to offer psychology, native studies, english and information processing.

### Development:

Initially the courses were being provided free to the schools/communities however in 2006-07 a per course fee of \$600/student/class was implemented. Credenda's business plan projects that it will be self sustaining after three years.

### Evidence:

42 students were registered with CVHS in first year of operation and 148 students are registered in the second year.

This initiative has given First Nations youth from the North the opportunity to obtain the necessary science and math credits to enter directly into fields such as nursing, medicine, and engineering

### Adaptability:

CVHS is a registered school through Saskatchewan Learning and the high school students are registered and receive class credits through Saskatchewan Learning. Several Saskatchewan school divisions are using CVHS for class delivery as the inability to attract specialized teachers to rural areas is a common phenomenon.

Further information:

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