Dimension 2: Traditions

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Traditions

Indigenous, unique cultural traditions

Beliefs and customs handed down from generation to generation

Image retrieved from Global Volunteers at https://globalvolunteers.org/.
Generalities of indigenous peoples
- Ceremonies of all tribes
- Relationships are priority
- Connectedness
- Balance

Honor - Above
Wisdom
Humility
Courage
Fortitude
Generosity
Respect - Earth

Diversity among tribes (574)
- Location
- Unique traditional knowledge and practices, language

Content source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support
Strategies for Incorporating Local Land and Traditional Knowledge

Participate in local land acknowledgements
  • Protocol at events and meetings
  • Purpose is to remember and honor original inhabitants of the land

“We recognize that our country was built on indigenous land and we pay tribute to the indigenous nations who have stewarded this land these waters and animals for centuries and who have made great sacrifices in the building of this country.”
– Secretary of Interior, Deb Haaland

Become familiar with the tribal nations in your region

Appreciate and honor use of tradition and ceremony of the tribal nation(s) in your region
  – Ex. Blessingway ceremony (Navajo) and traditional smudging (Oceti Sakowin)

Invite cultural speakers and tribal elders to share their knowledge
Mentoring is a major component to the success of AI/AN students and become an important tradition for Schools of Nursing and nursing faculty to engage students.

Four phases of Mentoring

1. Preparing
2. Negotiating
3. Enabling
4. Coming to Closure