



***EnGage!* Program Profile** **Canada First Nations Communities**

Locations: *EnGage!* begins with a week of training/orientation in the Calgary, Alberta area. From there, participants will be assigned to locations in British Columbia, Alberta or Saskatchewan for the remainder of their summer ministry experience.

Position Synopsis: *EnGage!* is a relational-to-the-core summer missions experience empowering participants to build friendships and live out the love of Jesus Christ in a First Nations community. It is a hands-on, highly experiential mentorship-type program designed to provide practical experiences that impact lives for Christ.

I. Requirements

The *EnGage!* applicant should:

- have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- agree with InterAct's doctrinal statement
- be a member of an evangelical church in good standing
- submit to and be accountable to leadership
- raise all required support before the trip begins
- know how to personally share the gospel and disciple others
- be disciplined in prayer, service, and Bible reading/study
- have adequate prayer support
- be "above reproach" in moral character and personal ethics
- be flexible
- be in relatively good physical shape as the experience involves a significant amount of physical activity
- be willing to abstain from the use of alcohol and tobacco while serving with InterAct

II. Activities

A. Training

The *EnGage!* experience begins with five days of intensive training covering such topics as First Nations worldview and culture, community living, practical ministry skills and personal spiritual development.

B. On Assignment

The *EnGage!* intern's first (and ongoing) task is to share the gospel with the people of his host culture. While there are many means of doing so InterAct's strategy primarily utilizes the missionary as an incarnational model. That is, the *EnGage!* intern lives within the First Nations host culture as a living example of Christ. Some such gospel-sharing activities may include:

- visiting First Nations people where they live and work
- attending local social functions

- organizing and leading VBS-type activities for children
- participating in recreational and community activities
- giving practical assistance

C. Debrief

The *EnGage!* experience concludes with two days of debrief; a time when all *EnGage!* interns regroup for a time of relaxing, sharing, praying and planning for life after *EnGage!*

III. Miscellaneous Information

A. Personal Medical Insurance Coverage – InterAct Ministries requires medical insurance coverage for all *EnGage!* participants. If you do not currently have insurance, third-party coverage is available. Contact InterAct Ministries for details.

B. Sexual/Child Abuse Screening Policy – Sexual and child abuse are significant problems in our society. Many times people who engage in that behavior have been victims of such abuse themselves. Because of this and the fact that most *EnGage!* participants minister to children and/or youth, InterAct Ministries will make every reasonable effort to determine if an applicant has an abusive history or a history of being abused. At the mission's expense, criminal background checks will be conducted for all applicants. However, having a criminal record does not, in itself disqualify one from service with InterAct.