



ACE ACUMEN ACADEMY

TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The goal of a Land Acknowledgment is to recognize the First Peoples on whose traditional lands we work and reside.

In an effort to respect and recognize the First Peoples of the lands upon which we sit, traditional land acknowledgments often take place at the beginning of social gatherings, conferences or meetings, or at the commencement of assemblies and presentations.

To acknowledge this traditional territory is to recognize its longer history, one predating the establishment of the earliest European colonies. It is also to acknowledge this territory's significance for the Indigenous peoples who lived, and continue to live, upon it and whose practices and spiritualities were tied to the land and continue to develop in relationship to the territory and its other inhabitants today.

For further education, we have prepared this guide to inform our staff, and to ensure thoughtfulness and authenticity when presenting this Land Acknowledgment.

THE LAND

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Ace Acumen's Land Acknowledgment can be used in either spoken or in a written matter. Included below are phonetic spellings to support the proper pronunciation of the words. When used in written format, please remove the phonetic spellings.

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What are Traditional Land Acknowledgments?

Traditional Land Acknowledgments are Indigenous protocols used to show respect and recognition of the First Peoples presence both historically and presently, and to their traditional territories.

Why Do We Acknowledge The Land?

Land Acknowledgments are meant to express appreciation and gratitude to the First Peoples and to recognize the traditional territories of a place.

Additional Resource

Land Acknowledgments: uncovering an oral history of Tkaronto.

The GTA has been home to Indigenous peoples for millennia. Here, Sara Roque and Selena Mills share their reflections on this land. Illustrations by Chief Lady Bird.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=voXySM-knRc>