

## Andrew George

Director, Indigenous Initiatives



Andrew George is the Director of Indigenous Initiatives. His passion for the culinary arts combined with his experience in education and trades training provides him with a unique perspective in helping advance Indigenous participation in B.C.'s trade community.

Andrew has over 30 years of culinary experience and is the first Indigenous Red Seal chef in B.C. In addition, he has held influential roles in post-secondary schools as a head instructor and program developer. Most recently, Andrew developed and delivered the first Indigenous-infused Professional Cook 1 program at Okanagan College as well as the Indigenous content curriculum for Indigenous Professional Cook 1, 2, and 3 at the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT).

Andrew first joined ITA as an Apprenticeship Advisor in 2014, where he provided hands-on apprenticeship support and led partnerships between ITA and training providers with the goal of uplifting Indigenous culture and tailoring programs for Indigenous communities. In 2019, he took on the role as Executive Chef and Instructor at NVIT and returned to ITA in 2021 to lead the Indigenous Initiatives team. Andrew is committed to reconciliation and increasing accessibility to skilled trades for Indigenous people in the province.

Andrew is a Hereditary wing Chief for the Bear Clan in the traditional system of the Wet'suwet'en people, and is a board member of the Wenenyik Resource Development Society.

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