

Bio

My name is Carly Thomson, my pronouns are she/her, and I am a second-year medical student at MUN. I was raised in rural Labrador and identify as an Indigenous woman of Inuit and settler descent. My culture plays a significant role in shaping my identity. I enjoy hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, and traveling with my husband and our pets. Prior to pursuing medicine, I gained experience in the trades, community work, and served as a registered nurse in the emergency department and dialysis unit. My aspiration is to become a family physician and return to my home in Labrador. I am deeply committed to advocating for Indigenous health issues and advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) calls to action.

Director of Indigenous Health Portfolio Platform

I am a proud Indigenous medical student with a deep commitment to advocacy, representation, and improving health outcomes in Indigenous communities. My qualifications for this position reflect a dedication to this work: I am a former Youth Atlantic Representative for the National Association of Friendship Centres, and a former Indigenous Representative on the Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity, and Reconciliation (DEIR) Council with Eastern Health (NL). Most importantly, I have hands-on experience providing medical care in northern, rural, and Indigenous communities.

Currently, I serve as the Atlantic Regional Director with the Indigenous Medical Students' Association of Canada (IMSAC), and I am a student member in good standing with the Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada (IPAC). I am also the facilitator of the Memorial University (MUN) Indigenous Health Interest Group, and the Indigenous medical student representative on the Indigenous Health Advisory Board at MUN/Eastern Health.

If elected as one of the Directors of Indigenous Health, I will prioritize the following goals:

1. **Strengthen CFMS–IMSAC Collaboration:** I will work to reinforce the relationship between CFMS and IMSAC, ensuring that the voices and needs of Indigenous medical students across Canada are both heard and acted upon at a national level.
2. **Advance TRC Calls to Action in Medicine:** In collaboration with the CFMS Indigenous Health Committee, task forces, and working groups, I will support initiatives that increase Indigenous representation in medicine and advocate for culturally safe, anti-colonial medical education that incorporates Indigenous health core competencies.
3. **Support Local Leadership & Engagement:** Through strong communication with Local Officers of Indigenous Health (LOIHs) and CFMS members, I will ensure that

community-led perspectives guide national strategies and that local efforts are amplified and supported.

With my past and ongoing leadership in Indigenous health, I bring experience, authenticity, and established partnerships that align with the CFMS Strategic Plan. I am ready to represent Indigenous medical students and the CFMS at local, provincial, and federal levels, and to help shape a more equitable and inclusive future in Canadian medical education.