

## FACT SHEET

## Nanaimo Clemente Course in the Humanities

*This is a no-cost adult learning course in the humanities designed to foster reflective thinking and to encourage the seeking of post-secondary education. This program allows previously marginalized individuals to expand their horizons, raise their expectations of life, and increase their capacity for serious intellectual engagement through literature, philosophy, history, and art history. Students who complete the course at an adequate level will receive course credits at Vancouver Island University (V.I.U.) and all will be encouraged to further pursue their education. The benefits of this program extend beyond individual students to their families by providing structured child minding, exposure to Vancouver Island University and VIHA services and, most importantly, by encouraging and developing the ability to reflect on and engage the world around us through the study of the humanities.*

### **Target Population:**

- Those community members of low economic and educational opportunity.
- Those with historic challenges in education (e.g. dropped out of school).
- Those individuals who show an interest in and commitment to the program (i.e. a willingness to attend regularly, to be active participants, and to complete assigned work and reading to the best of their ability).

### **Eligible applicants are:**

- 18 years of age or older.
- Referred to the program from a local agency.
- Currently on low income.
- Not a current student at V.I.U. or any other accredited post-secondary institution (exception - ABE students).
- Capable of reading and comprehending a one-page English newspaper article (about a grade 6 level).

### **Program Details and Amenities:**

- Classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays at the Princess Royal Family Centre (80 Chapel St. ).
  - 1:00—3:00
  - The program will be run from September 2017 through mid-December 2017 and January 2018 through mid-April 2018.
- Classes will be taught by Vancouver Island University faculty.
- The program is provided at no-cost to successful applicants, providing students with tuition, books, snacks, child minding for children under 5 years (beginning at 1:00 pm), and bus fare.
- Students who complete the course will be granted a certificate of achievement.
- Completion of the course with an adequate level of academic performance will result in course credits at Vancouver Island University. Students will not be assigned traditional grades but will be given an 'audit' for participation or a 'pass' for course credit.

### **Contact and Application Information:**

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