



Ontario
College of
Teachers
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Ontario students need great teachers, people who are patient, flexible, passionate about learning and motivated to help others achieve.

Think about a career in teaching, if you are:

Curious
Caring
Outgoing

Organized
Compassionate
Self-disciplined

Flexible
Dedicated
Self-starting

Thoughtful
Nurturing
Team oriented



Do you want ongoing opportunities for personal and professional learning? Teaching offers challenge and personal rewards that come from knowing you can help others to acquire the knowledge and skills they need to pursue their life goals.

Teachers communicate, counsel, model and manage, using a wide array of methods and resources to guide students. They use a mix of traditional and technological approaches to spur student achievement, tracking student progress and refining their practices as they go.

Teachers listen to and work with other teachers, parents, professionals and community partners to build an atmosphere of respect and collaboration necessary for academic achievement and character development.

Teachers open doors for everyone!

What you need to become a teacher

To teach at the elementary and secondary level in Ontario, you will need to complete at least three years of full-time study at university or college leading to a postsecondary degree (a BSc, for example). Then you will need at least one year of full-time, postsecondary study leading to a Bachelor of Education degree (or equivalent).

Technological education teachers don't require a postsecondary degree, but must have five years of work experience in the teacher's field of technological education (not as a teacher) or a combination of work and postsecondary studies.

Teachers of aboriginal ancestry don't necessarily require a postsecondary degree.

Some universities offer part-time programs to enable people who are going into teaching as a second career to acquire their qualifications while continuing to work.

Entry to faculties

Good marks alone won't necessarily guarantee you entry to a faculty of education. Some faculties rely solely on marks. Some require applicants to sit for an interview. Some have a points system that weights marks and volunteer experience. Aboriginal education or technological education programs may have different requirements to apply.

Draw on your experience

Volunteering with school, community, recreation or religious programs will show your interest for teaching. Many education faculties ask applicants to complete a profile that details their experience working with students. Check the faculty web sites for details.

Join the College

You must become a member of the Ontario College of Teachers to qualify to teach in Ontario's publicly funded elementary and secondary schools.

The College licenses, governs and regulates Ontario's teaching profession in the public interest. It sets ethical and practice standards for educators, accredits teacher education programs and conducts disciplinary hearings.

Visit www.oct.ca, call Client Services at 416-961-8800 or toll-free in Ontario at 1-888-534-2222, or e-mail us at info@oct.ca to learn more about the College.

Prepare to compete

The interest in teaching as a career remains high. However, the demand for English-language elementary and secondary teachers is in decline. Some specialty areas such as French as a Second Language and technological education offer greater prospects for regular, full-time work. However, be prepared to start your career in occasional (supply) roles. School systems across Canada and around the world also hire certified Ontario teachers. See our Transition to Teaching reports at www.oct.ca → [Publications](#) → [Transition to Teaching](#).

If you learned to teach outside Ontario...

Out of province and internationally educated teachers must still become certified by the Ontario College of Teachers to teach in Ontario's public schools. See our registration guides at www.oct.ca → [Internationally Educated Teachers](#) → [Registration Requirements](#).

5 Steps to Becoming a Teacher

Step 1

Get a well-rounded high school education, including good marks in mathematics, science and the liberal arts.

Step 2

Gather experience working with children.

Step 3

Decide what level and subject you'd like to teach. Explore the university and faculty programs to see which ones suit you.

Teachers in Ontario must earn basic qualifications in two consecutive divisions in their teacher education program.

Primary (Kindergarten to Grade 3)

Junior (Grades 4-6)

Intermediate (Grades 7-10)

Senior (Grades 11-12)

Step 4

Earn a postsecondary degree and a Bachelor of Education degree or equivalent. To teach Grades 7 to 10, you need to qualify as an expert in one subject. To teach Grades 11 and 12, you must be qualified to teach two subjects.

Step 5

Apply to become a member of the Ontario College of Teachers. Once the College certifies you, you can seek employment in Ontario's schools.

To Teach in Elementary School:

Elementary school teachers teach most subjects to their students. A well-rounded high school education, including a strong grounding in the liberal arts, mathematics and science will provide a strong foundation and prepare you for university.

In university you can specialize in one or two subjects from the elementary curriculum such as English, history, science or math. A course in psychology, child development or sociology of the family can also help prepare you for the classroom.

To Teach Secondary School:

Secondary school teachers require academic credentials in at least two subjects. (See Schedule A on page 4.) At university, you may wish to take English and history, or music and mathematics, or math and science. Take an honours degree if you think you might like to become a subject specialist.

Become a high school technological studies teacher

You might already have the foundation for a secondary school teaching position in technological education if you have on-the-job experience in the following fields or sectors:

- Construction
- Communications
- Manufacturing
- Hospitality and tourism
- Hairstyling and aesthetics
- Health care
- Computer technology
- Design
- Transportation
- Green industries.

You don't need a postsecondary degree to teach technological subjects, but proven experience and competence are essential.

You will need a high school diploma or equivalent, five years of paid work experience in the technological education subject area and an acceptable teacher education program.

You can also enter the teacher education program with a combination of work experience and related postsecondary education from a university or a college of applied arts and technology.

Teacher Education at Ontario's Faculties of Education

Ontario's faculties of education offer a variety of programs in a variety of ways. If you are interested in studying to become a teacher, you should research several of these programs to find the best one for you. For information about programs and admission requirements, please contact the individual faculty.

A concurrent program of professional education is undertaken at the same time as a program leading to a postsecondary degree in a discipline other than education.

A consecutive program of professional education is undertaken after you have completed your postsecondary degree. However, a postsecondary degree is not necessarily required for entry into technological education and Aboriginal teacher education programs. Contact the faculties for more information.

All pre-service teacher education programs offered by Ontario's faculties of education are accredited by the Ontario College of Teachers.

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You must apply online to publicly funded consecutive programs of teacher education via the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) web site at www.ouac.on.ca. Applications are available annually in mid-September and must be submitted to OUAC by the deadline, usually in early December. You have to apply directly to universities that are not publicly funded. The faculty to which you have applied may ask you to provide additional information directly. Check their web sites for further details about any additional requirements.

Schedule A - Intermediate and Senior Divisions

- Anglais Formerly: English (Second language) — anglais
- Business Studies - Accounting
- Business Studies - Data Processing
- Business Studies - Entrepreneurship
- Business Studies – General
- Business Studies - Information and Communication Technology – Formerly: Business Studies
- Business Studies – Marketing and Merchandising
- Classical Studies – Greek
- Classical Studies – Latin
- Computer Studies Formerly: Computer Science
- Dance
- Design and Technology
- Dramatic Arts
- Economics
- English Formerly: English (First Language)
- Environmental Science/Environmental Studies
- Family Studies
- Français Formerly: French (First Language) - français)
- French as a Second Language Formerly: French (Second language)
- Geography
- Health and Physical Education Formerly: Physical and Health Education)
- History
- International Languages
- Law
- Mathematics
- Media Arts
- Music – Instrumental
- Music – Vocal
- Native Languages Formerly: Native Language (Second Language)
- Native Studies
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Religious Education
- Science – Biology
- Science – Chemistry
- Science – General
- Science – Geology
- Science - Physics
- Social Sciences – General Formerly: Individual & Society)
- Visual Arts

Initial Teacher Education at Ontario's Faculties of Education

Many faculties of education offer their programs at more than one site or in different communities. Check with the faculties to determine where their programs are offered.

Brock University

Accredited to offer consecutive, concurrent, technological and aboriginal teacher education programs

Faculty of Education
Office of the Registrar – Admissions
500 Glenridge Ave.
St. Catharines ON L2S 3A1
Phone: 905-688-5550, ext. 3562
www.brocku.ca/registrar/admissions
e-mail: edubrock@brocku.ca

Charles Sturt University, Ontario

Accredited to offer consecutive program

Charles Sturt University, Ontario
Bay Area Learning Centre
860 Harrington Court
Burlington ON L7N 3N4
Phone: 905-333-4955 ext. 55120
www.charlessturt.ca
e-mail: canada@csu.edu.au

Note: You must apply to Charles Sturt directly.

Lakehead University

Accredited to offer consecutive, concurrent and native teacher education programs

Faculty of Education
Office of Admissions and Recruitment
955 Oliver Road
Thunder Bay ON P7B 5E1
Phone: 807-343-8500
Toll-Free: 1-800-465-3959
<http://admissions.lakeheadu.ca>
e-mail: admissions@lakeheadu.ca

OISE/University of Toronto

Accredited to offer consecutive, concurrent and technological education programs

Faculty of Education
Registrar's Office Initial Teacher Education Programs
252 Bloor St. West, 4th floor
Toronto ON M5S 1V6
Phone: 416-978-1848
www.oise.utoronto.ca/admissions
e-mail: admissions@oise.utoronto.ca

Queen's University

Accredited to offer consecutive, concurrent, technological and aboriginal teacher education programs

Faculty of Education
Registrar's Office
Duncan McArthur Hall, Room A112
511 Union St.
Kingston ON K7M 5R7
Phone: 613-533-6205
www.educ.queensu.ca
e-mail: education.registrar@queensu.ca

Redeemer University College

Accredited to offer consecutive and concurrent programs

Recruitment
777 Garner Road East
Ancaster ON L9K 1J4
Phone (toll-free): 1-800-263-6467
Phone: 905-648-2139, ext. 4280
www.redeemer.ca/BEd
e-mail: BEd@redeemer.ca

Note: You must apply to Redeemer University directly. Applications are available online or through contacting Recruitment.

University of Ontario Institute of Technology

Accredited to offer concurrent and consecutive programs

Faculty of Education
Admissions Office
2000 Simcoe St. North
Oshawa ON L1H 7K4
Phone: 905-721-3181
<http://education.uoit.ca>
e-mail: admissions@uoit.ca

University of Ottawa

Accredited to offer consecutive programs in English and French (part-time program in French also available), technological education (French only) and native teacher education program (English only)

Faculty of Education, Academic Secretariat
145 Jean-Jacques Lussier
Ottawa ON K1N 6N5
Phone: 613-562-5804
www.education.uottawa.ca
e-mail: educprog@uottawa.ca

University of Western Ontario

Accredited to offer consecutive, concurrent and technological education programs

Faculty of Education
1137 Western Rd.
London ON N6G 1G7
Phone: 519-661-3182
www.edu.uwo.ca
e-mail: eduwo@uwo.ca

Laurentian University

Accredited to offer concurrent program in English and consecutive program in English and French (part-time program in French also available)

Admissions Office
Faculty of Professional Schools
935 Ramsey Lake Rd.
Sudbury ON P3E 2C6
Phone: 705-675-1151, ext. 3990, 3991 or 3992
www.laurentian.ca

Niagara University, Ontario

Accredited to offer consecutive programs

Teacher Education Admissions Office
Academic Complex Room 225
Niagara University, P.O. Box 1930
New York 14109 USA
Phone (toll-free): 1-800-462-2111
Phone: 716-286-8233
Phone (Ontario campus): 905-294-7260
www.niagara.edu/teach
e-mail: grad-ed@niagara.edu

Note: You must apply to Niagara University directly.

Nipissing University

Accredited to offer consecutive, concurrent and native teacher education programs

Faculty of Education
Office of the Registrar
100 College Drive
Box 5002
North Bay ON P1B 8L7
Phone: 705-474-3461, ext. 4761
www.nipissingu.ca
e-mail: nuinfo@nipissingu.ca

State University of New York (SUNY) College at Potsdam

Accredited to offer consecutive program (part-time program offered in Ottawa)

Office of Graduate Studies
SUNY Potsdam
44 Pierrepont Ave.
Potsdam NY 13676-2294 USA
Phone: 315-267-2165
Toll free 1-800-458-1142, ext. 1
www.potsdam.edu/admissions/graduate/
e-mail: graduate@potsdam.edu

Note: You must apply to SUNY Potsdam directly.

Trent University

Accredited to offer consecutive programs (full-time and part-time)

Education Admissions Office
1600 West Bank Dr.
Peterborough ON K9J 7B8
Phone: 705-748-1011, ext. 7737 or 7738
www.trentu.ca/education/consecutive
e-mail: education@trentu.ca

Tyndale University College

Accredited to offer consecutive program

Faculty of Education
25 Ballyconnor Court
Toronto ON M2M 4B3
Phone (toll-free): 1-877-tyndale
Phone: 416-218-6757
www.tyndale.ca/university/education
e-mail: admissions@tyndale.ca

Note: You must apply directly to Tyndale University College.

University of Windsor

Accredited to offer consecutive, concurrent and technological education programs

Faculty of Education
401 Sunset Ave.
Windsor ON N9B 3P4
Phone: 519-253-3000, ext. 3800
www.uwindsor.ca/edfac/
e-mail: educ@uwindsor.ca

Wilfrid Laurier University

Accredited to offer consecutive programs (Primary/Junior)

Faculty of Education
75 University Ave. West
Waterloo, ON N2L 3C5
Phone: 519-884-0710, ext. 3685
www.wlu.ca/education
e-mail: admissions@wlu.ca

York University

Accredited to offer consecutive, concurrent and technological education programs (full-time and part-time)

Faculty of Education
Admissions Office
128 Winters College
4700 Keele St.
Toronto ON M3J 1P3
Phone: 416-736-5001
www.edu.yorku.ca
e-mail: osp@edu.yorku.ca

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people who are patient, flexible,
passionate about learning and motivated
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