

Thinking About Teaching?



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College of
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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:

Caring	Flexible	Self-disciplined
Compassionate	Organized	Self-starting
Curious	Outgoing	Team-oriented
Dedicated	Nurturing	Thoughtful

Do you want ongoing opportunities for personal and professional learning? Teaching offers challenges and personal rewards that come from knowing you can help others to gain 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 the 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). You will also need four-semester of postsecondary study leading to a Bachelor of Education degree (or equivalent).

As of September 1, 2015, Ontario's teacher education program has changed. The four-semester program with an increased practicum of 80 days includes an enhanced focus in areas such as special education, how to teach using technology, and diversity. As a result of these changes, new teacher education program requirements for certification took effect as of September 1, 2015.

Please visit our website at www.oct.ca for the most current information.

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 or aboriginal languages don't necessarily require a postsecondary degree.

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 websites for details.

Join the College

You must become a member of the Ontario College of Teachers 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 email us at info@oct.ca to learn more about the College.

Prepare to compete

Specialties such as French (both first and second language teaching) and secondary Mathematics, Sciences, Computer Studies and Technological Education may lead more quickly to full-time employment. Reduced numbers of new teachers in the future will further improve hiring prospects across elementary and secondary teaching generally in the years ahead. However, be prepared to start your career in occasional (supply) teaching as Ontario school board hiring procedures require staged entry starting with supply roles that lead over time to long term occasional and then permanent employment. See our Transition to Teaching reports at www.oct.ca.

If you learned to teach outside Ontario...

Out of province and internationally educated teachers must be certified by the Ontario College of Teachers to teach in Ontario’s public schools. See our registration guides at www.oct.ca.

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

Health Care

Communications

Computer Technology

Manufacturing

Design

Hospitality and Tourism

Transportation

Hairstyling and Aesthetics

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 initial 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) website 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 websites for further details about any additional requirements.

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

Faculty of Education
Office of the Registrar
Niagara
1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way
3rd Floor of Schmon Tower
St. Catharines ON L2S 3A1
Phone: 905-688-5550, ext. 3550
<https://www.brocku.ca/registrar>
email: admissions@brocku.ca

Lakehead University

Faculty of Education
Enrolment Services - Undergraduate
Admissions
1294 Balmoral Building
955 Oliver Road
Thunder Bay ON P7B 5E1
Phone: 807-343-8500
Toll-Free: 800-465-3959
<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/future-students/admissions>
email: admissions@lakeheadu.ca

OISE/University of Toronto *

Office of the Registrar and
Student Services
252 Bloor St. West
Toronto ON M5S 1V6
Phone: 416-978-4300
Fax: 416-323-9964
www.oise.utoronto.ca/ite/home/index.html
email: admissions.oise@utoronto.ca

Queen’s University

Faculty of Education
 Student Services
 Duncan McArthur Hall, Room A112
 511 Union St.
 Kingston ON K7M 5R7
 Phone: 613-533-6205
www.educ.queensu.ca
 email: educstudentservices@queensu.ca

Redeemer University College *

Admissions
 777 Garner Road East
 Ancaster ON L9K 1J4
 Phone: 905-648-2139, ext. 4280
 Toll-free: 877-779-0913
<https://www.redeemer.ca/programs/education/>
 email : admissions@redeemer.ca

University of Ottawa

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

Western University

Faculty of Education
 John George Althouse Building
 1137 Western Road
 London ON N6G 1G7
 Phone: 519-661-2093
<http://www.edu.uwo.ca/>
 email : eduwo@uwo.ca

University of Windsor

Faculty of Education and Academic
 Development
 401 Sunset Avenue
 Windsor ON N9B 3P4
 Phone: 519-253-3000, ext. 3800
<http://www.uwindsor.ca/education/>
 email: educ@uwindsor.ca

Laurentian University

Liaison
 935 Ramsay Lake Road
 Sudbury ON P3E 2C6
 Phone: 705-675-1151
 Toll-free: 800-461-4030
<https://laurentian.ca/program/education>
 email: explore@laurentian.ca

Niagara University, Ontario *

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
 email: grad-ed@niagara.edu

Nipissing University

Office of the Registrar
 100 College Drive
 North Bay ON P1B 8L7
 Phone : 705-474-3450, ext. 4521
<http://www.nipissingu.ca/academics/faculties/schulich-school-of-education/Pages/default.aspx>
 email: registrar@nipissingu.ca

Trent University

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

Tyndale University College *

Admissions
 3377 Bayview Avenue
 Toronto ON M2M 3S4
 Phone: 416-218-6757
 Toll-free: 877-896-3253
<http://www.tyndale.ca/education/program>
 email: admissions@tyndale.ca

University of Ontario Institute of Technology

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

Wilfrid Laurier University

Faculty of Education
 75 University Ave. West
 Waterloo, ON N2L 3C5
 Phone: 519-884-0710, ext. 2924
www.wlu.ca/education
 email: eduadmissions@wlu.ca

York University

Faculty of Education Admissions
 Office
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 Toronto ON M3J 1P3
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www.edu.yorku.ca
 email: osp@edu.yorku.ca

*** Note:** You must apply directly to these institutions.

Qualifications for teaching Intermediate and Senior Divisions (Grades 7 - 12)

Anglais	Business Studies - Accounting	Business Studies - Entrepreneurship
Business Studies - General	Business Studies - Information & Communication Technology	Classical Studies - Greek
Classical Studies - Latin	Computer Studies	Dance
Dramatic Arts	Economics	English
Environmental Science	Family Studies	Français
French as a Second Language	Geography	Health and Physical Education
History	International Languages	Law
Mathematics	Media Arts	Music - Instrumental
Music - Vocal	Native Languages	Native Studies
Philosophy	Politics	Religious Education in Catholic Schools
Science - Biology	Science - Chemistry	Science - General
Science - Physics	Social Sciences - General	Visual Arts



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