



Ontario
College of
Teachers

Ordre des enseignantes
et des enseignants
de l'Ontario

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Ontario students need great teachers who are passionate about learning and want to help students achieve to the best of their abilities.

Teaching is a challenging profession that provides rewarding opportunities to help students gain the knowledge and skills they need to pursue their life goals.

Teaching is a lifelong learning journey where teachers continually refine their practices. Teachers regularly communicate, counsel, model and manage, using a wide variety of methods, resources and approaches.

Teachers collaborate with their peers, parents, professionals and community partners to create inclusive, respectful learning environments that support student 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 post-secondary degree (a BSc, for example). You will also need four-semester of post-secondary study leading to a Bachelor of Education degree (or equivalent).

Technological education teachers don't require a post-secondary 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 post-secondary studies.

Teachers who are of Indigenous ancestry or who would like to teach an Indigenous language don't necessarily require a post-secondary degree.

Entry to faculties

Entry requirements vary amongst faculties 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.

Indigenous learning 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 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. See our Transition to Teaching reports at oct.ca.

If you learned to teach outside of 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 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 Technology
- Communications Technology
- Computer Technology
- Green Industries
- Health Care
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Hairstyling and Aesthetics
- Manufacturing Technology
- Technological Design
- Transportation Technology

You don't need a post-secondary 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 post-secondary 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. For example, some will focus on teaching French as a Second Language (FSL), or have a focus on Indigenous knowledge and perspectives, and some programs are offered part-time affording second career teacher candidates to manage other responsibilities. 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 post-secondary degree in a discipline other than education.

A **consecutive** program of professional education is undertaken after you have completed your post-secondary degree. However, a post-secondary degree is not necessarily required for entry into technological education and some Indigenous 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 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

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Office of the Registrar
Niagara
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3rd Floor of Schmon Tower
St. Catharines ON L2S 3A1
Phone: 905-688-5550, ext. 3550
brocku.ca/education
email: futurestudent@brocku.ca

Lakehead University

Faculty of Education
Bora Laskin Building
Rm. 1016
955 Oliver Road
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5E1
Phone: 1 (807) 346 7818
lakeheadu.ca/programs/departments/education
email: admissions@lakehead.ca

Laurentian University

Liaison Services
935 Ramsay Lake Road
Sudbury ON P3E 2C6
Phone: 705-675-1151
Toll-free: 800-461-4030
laurentian.ca/program/education
email: admission@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
niagara.edu/education
email: grad-ed@niagara.edu

Nipissing University, Schulich School of Education

Schulich School of Education
Office of the Registrar
100 College Drive
North Bay ON P1B 8L7
Phone : 705.474.3450, ext. 4521
nipissingu.ca/academics/schulich-school-education
email: admissions@nipissingu.ca

OISE/University of Toronto *

Office of the Registrar
and Student Services
252 Bloor St. West
Toronto ON M5S 1V6
Phone: 416-978-4300
oise.utoronto.ca
email: admissions.oise@utoronto.ca

Ontario Tech University

Faculty of Education
Admissions Office
2000 Simcoe St.
NorthOshawa ON L1H 7K4
Phone: 905.721.3181
education.ontariotechu.ca
email: facultyofeducation@ontariotechu.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
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
redeemer.ca/programs/education/
email: admissions@redeemer.ca

Trent University

Faculty of Education
Otonabee College
Symon Campus
Education Admissions Office
1600 West Bank Dr.
Peterborough ON K9J 7B8
Phone: 705.748.1011,
ext. 7738
trentu.ca/education
email: educationadmissions@
trentu.ca

University of Windsor

Faculty of Education and
Academic Development
401 Sunset Avenue
Windsor ON N9B 3P4
Phone: 519.253.3000,
ext. 3800
uwindsor.ca/education/
email: educ@uwindsor.ca

York University

Faculty of Education
Admissions Office
Winters College
4700 Keele St.
Toronto ON M3J 1P3
Phone: 416.736.5001
yorku.ca/edu
email: osp@edu.yorku.ca

Tyndale University College *

Admissions
3377 Bayview Avenue
Toronto ON M2M 3S4
Phone: 416.218.6757
Toll-free: 877.896.3253
tyndale.ca/education
email: admissions@
tyndale.ca

Western University

Faculty of Education
John George Althouse
Building 1137 Western Road
London ON N6G 1G7
Phone: 519-661-2093
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email: education@uwo.ca

University of Ottawa

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

Wilfrid Laurier University

Faculty of Education
75 University Ave. West
Waterloo, ON N2L 3C5
Phone: 519.884.0710, ext.
2924
wlu.ca/education
email: education@wlu.ca

Qualifications for Intermediate and Senior Divisions (Grades 7 to 12)

Anglais	Business Studies - Accounting	Business Studies -Entrepreneurship
Business Studies -General	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

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

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