

Consecutive Teacher Education

Trent Career Centre

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...a place to begin

The following information deals mainly with teacher education in Ontario. However the application process is similar across Canada and internationally. Check out related websites listed on the back for more details.

Consecutive Teacher Education in Ontario:

Consecutive Teacher Education is the traditional route to becoming a teacher in Ontario as it allows for greater choice in the type of undergraduate degree pursued. Students may apply for admission in their last year of an undergraduate program to a Faculty of Education. Students will spend four semesters at a Faculty of Education completing courses and several weeks of practice teaching. Upon graduating they will receive a Bachelor of Education degree and be certified with the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT)

Average Entrance Grade:

- Varies with school, but usually 70% or 75%.

Teaching Divisions (varies with school):

- Primary/junior (junior kindergarten to grade 6)
- Junior-Intermediate (grade 4 to 8)
- Intermediate/Senior (grade 7 to grade 12)

Application Timeline:

Mid-September: Online application available

Early December: Deadline for receipt of applications and program choice amendments at the Ontario Universities' Application Centre

Early March: Offers of admission sent to applicants

*For exact dates check out the website:

ouac.on.ca/teas

Note: All information varies according to each school. Be sure to check out their individual websites.

Ontario Universities with Faculties of Education:

- Brock University
- Lakehead University
- Laurentian University
- Nipissing University
- University of Ottawa
- Queen's University
- Trent University
- University of Ontario Institute of Technology
- Western University
- Wilfrid Laurier University
- University of Windsor
- University of Toronto (Not in OUAC)
- York University

Information Usually Required for an Application:

- OUAC Teacher Education application (TEAS), application service fee, and supplementary school fee
- Profile of experience or personal statement
- Official transcripts for all postsecondary institutions attended
- English Language Proficiency Requirement (if applicable)
- Prerequisites for teaching subjects

Experience Counts! Consider

- Volunteer work with children in the age group you hope to teach
- Leadership roles
- Summer jobs

Helpful Tips:

- College transfer credits do not always count toward your average, so make sure to check with the Faculty of Education early
- Preference will generally be given to applicants with a university honours degree
- Calculation of academic averages varies from school to school, so refer to each school for additional information. For example, Trent calculates averages based on the most recent ten full university courses at the time of application
- Read the application carefully to make sure that you are answering the question that is asked, as there are often several parts to one question
- Remember 'teachables' are teaching subjects identified by the individual Faculty of Education, and recognized by the Ontario College of Teachers

Start Early!

- Make sure you have volunteer/teaching experience
- Check out schools of education to make sure the requirements for teaching subjects are met (varies depending on teaching division and school)
- Consider joining the Emphasis in Teacher Education Program or Teacher Education Stream, more information can be found at trentu.ca/education.

Qualifications Required For:

Teaching Specializations

- Guidance Counsellor – school counselling credential, Bachelor's or Master's degree for licensed School Counsellors, completion of an educational administration program, experience in classroom teaching
- Reading Specialist – B.Ed with reading specialist endorsement, Master's degree, completion of an accredited reading specialist credential program
- Special Education, Bilingual, and English as a Second Language (ESL) Teachers – B.Ed with a teaching endorsement in area of interest, Bachelor's or Master's degree, completion of an accredited teacher education program

Professions Related To Teaching:

- School Psychologist – school psychologist credential, Master's education specialist, or doctoral degree, completion of an accredited credential program
- School Social Worker – school social worker certification, Bachelor's or Master's degree; for school licensure, completion of an accredited credential program
- Speech-language pathologist – Certificate of Clinical Competence in speech-language pathology (CC-SLP) certification, Master's degree, completion of an education administration program.

Information and applications are available at ouac.on.ca/teas

Helpful Websites:

- otffeo.on.ca – Ontario Teachers' Federation
- oct.ca – Ontario College of Teachers
- edu.gov.on.ca – Ministry of Education
- educationcanada.com
- teacherdegrees.com – Directory of US programs
- komconsultants.com – Study abroad opportunities

Career Centre Resources

- "Career Opportunities in Education" by Susan Echaore-McDavid
- "101 Career Alternatives for Teachers" by Gister
- "What Students Want" by Wally Moffat