



Celebrating **20 YEARS**

ANNUAL REPORT
2023-2024

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

About Us

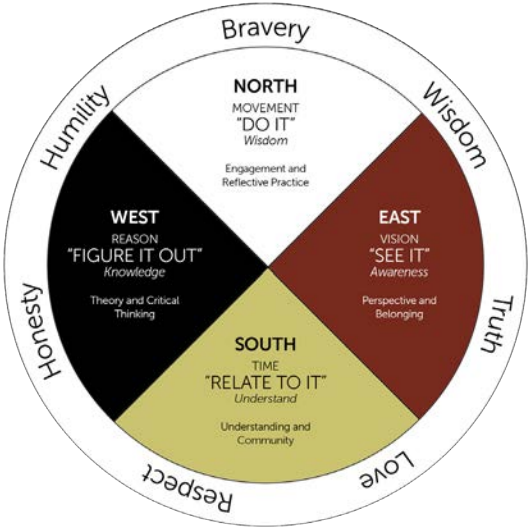
Trent offers a unique suite of programs in the School of Education from undergraduate education stream programming to Bachelor of Education options, Additional Qualifications, and a Masters in Educational Studies. Our guiding principles of social justice, ecologically sustainable practices, Indigenous Knowledge infusion, and content teaching excellence, form the core of our theory, practice, and pedagogy. We care about our students, and insist on high quality engaging programs and experiential learning through community outreach, placements and practicum opportunities. One-to-one interactions with faculty and staff create an experience that is both professional and personal.

The School of Education hosts an incredibly active set of programs as we continually look for new ways to engage students in highly collaborative settings, that provide the necessary tools and support for students entering a competitive education market. Knowing this, our students also walk away with a breadth of knowledge and experiences that stretch beyond the classroom, that can be utilized in a variety of education-related fields.

With extensive in-class teaching time, collaborative opportunities and unique alternative field experience placements, students will enter education fields with a breadth of knowledge that is richer than many other educational experiences.

Conceptual Framework

The School of Education is committed to creating new knowledge, integrating that knowledge in teaching, promoting ongoing professional learning and educational research, and providing leadership in fostering a community of learners, in concert with the University's academic plan. The School of Education collaboratively developed ten principles for the Bachelor of Education and Indigenous Bachelor of Education programs, that have been expanded upon, and that now guide our work from the undergraduate program, to teacher education, to graduate programs. These principles describe teaching and learning as we understand them, in the broadest sense.



The principles guide our teaching at the Trent University School of Education. We encourage and empower our students to embrace these same principles.

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Principles

	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION	INDIGENOUS BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
1	Teaching and learning are interactive processes that involve meaningful engagement of all participants.	Effective Indigenous teachers ensure a holistic pedagogical approach that increases our understanding of ourselves, each other, the world around us, and the environment; seeking peace while forwarding social and ecological justice.
2	Education is a collaborative endeavour, involving partnerships within and beyond the learning community.	Effective Indigenous education is a partnership activity, connecting intergenerational learning and community involvement.
3	Communities of learners in educational settings support identity formation, a sense of belonging, and engagement in lifelong learning.	Effective teaching is based on sound Indigenous educational theory and research that is rigorous, respectful, and follows Indigenous protocol.
4	Teaching and learning that promotes inclusivity is based on a commitment to equity, diversity and environmental sustainability.	Effective Indigenous teaching and learning are interactive processes that involve meaningful and respectful engagement of learners, teachers, Elders, and other knowledge keepers.
5	An effective education leads to critical engagement, agency and active citizenship.	Effective communities of learners support identity formation, a sense of belonging, and sense of community, while engaged in lifelong learning.
6	Effective teaching practices are based on sound educational theory and research.	Effective Indigenous teaching fosters creative thinking, critical reflection, in-depth subject knowledge, and critical engagement.
7	On-going meaningful feedback drives high quality teaching and learning experiences.	Effective Indigenous learning and teaching are guided by on-going meaningful feedback based on circular visioning that encourages teachers to think creatively and critically about their professional practice.
8	For the purposes of deep learning and continued growth, educators engage in critically reflective practice.	Effective Indigenous teachers engage in critically reflective practice, guided by Elders and educationists, and the Teachings of the Seven Grandfathers.
9	Creative thinking and in-depth subject knowledge underpin learning.	Effective Indigenous teaching and learning engages creative expression to consolidate and share learning.
10	Respect and appreciation for Indigenous Knowledges, perspectives and pedagogies is central to teaching and learning.	Effective Indigenous education engages all four aspects of the learner (spiritual, emotional, mental, physical) resulting in wholistic learning that also aligns with core Indigenous values and beliefs, such as the seven

20th Graduating Class - June 6, 2024



Programs of Study

TEACHER EDUCATION STREAM

Four Year Undergraduate Program
Students complete 3.5 credits in education and placement hours, alongside a major/minor in B.A. or B.Sc.

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CONSECUTIVE BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

Two Year Bachelor of Education
Teacher Candidates complete two years of the professional program to become OCT certified teachers.

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INDIGENOUS BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

Five Year Indigenous Bachelor of Education
Students who identify as Indigenous complete three years in Indigenous Studies, and two years in the B.Ed. to become OCT certified teachers.

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MASTER OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

Two-Five Year Masters of Education
This program is offered for Part and Full-time students with mixed formats of face-to-face and online options.

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ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR TEACHERS

AQs & ABQs for Teachers
Fully online, this program provides additional qualifications for teachers looking to add to their education.

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NICHE PROGRAMS

OPTION IN EDUCATION
A set of courses in one discipline that can be completed in conjunction with any undergraduate degree program.

**GRADUATE DIPLOMA
IN EDUCATIONAL
AND COMMUNITY
LEADERSHIP**
Five-course program including three required courses and two elective courses.

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- CERTIFICATE
PROGRAMS**
- Eco-mentorship
 - Learning on the Land & Indigenous People
 - Coding for Educators
 - Learning Garden
 - Early Years Emphasis Program

Highlights

Celebrating 20 Years of the Trent School of Education: Founding Director Deborah Berrill shares insight into how it all began

A little over 20 years ago, a group of passionate educators gathered together at the newly-found-ed Dreams of Bean café in Peterborough and mapped out the plans for their dream – Trent University’s own teacher education program.

In attendance were Dr. Deborah Berrill, founding director of Trent’s School of Education, now professor emerita, along with newly hired faculty, staff, school board partners, and associate teachers.

One thing they knew for sure – kindness would be a guiding principle.

“There was an ethos, an ethic, of the importance of community... the importance of celebrating difference and recognizing that that difference has brought oppression for many people and that we had a responsibility to redress those oppres-sions,” recalled Dr. Berrill.



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Moments in 2023-2024

Sex Ed Resources Developed by Trent
Empowering Educators and Students
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OCT

Teaching and Learning in
Indigenous Communities
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DEC

Exploring How Students Think About Grids
trentu.ca/news/story/39031

JAN

Makerspaces Build Bridges Between
Students and Technologies
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FEB



Associate Teacher, Kevin Montag and Placement Coordinator, Cynthia Budgell.

Notable Mentions

- Literacy Support Program, formerly 'Supporting Literacy Placement', pilots new format with school partners, with positive results, leading to change within the placement structure.
- Teaching Awards introduce and name inaugural Associate Teacher Award for Excellence in Mentorship for Primary/Junior & Intermediate/Senior divisions.
- Former Dean of Education, Teaching and Learning, Dr. Cathy Bruce appointed as 9th President and Vice-Chancellor of Trent University.

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Greening Social Work Education
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APR

For You or Not, New Opportunities
Lead to Self-Discovery
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Trent Excalibur Rowers Capture Gold
at Prestigious Dad Vail Regatta
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MAY

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JUNE

Bringing Manoomin Education
from the Land into the Classroom
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Teaching Awards

Below are the 2023-2024 Teaching Awards recipients selected by the School of Education.



Bachelor of Education Programs

Cristina Tavares

Primary/Junior Innovation in Teaching Award

Ashley Poxon

Intermediate/Senior Innovation in Teaching Award

Ellie Hopkins

Primary/Junior Mathematics Award

Satchel Page

Intermediate/Senior Mathematics Award

Cecilia Mogan & Kayl Commanda

Responding to Diversity Award

Heather Robinson & Abigail Powell

Education Student Association Award

Adam Milburn

French Award

Charlotte Mizzi

OECA Award

Karla Wagner

Teaching Excellence Awards
(Faculty)

For a full listing of awards, prizes and past teaching award recipients, please visit trentu.ca/education/awards

Associate Teachers

Bachelor of Education Programs

Teresa Laton

The Associate Teacher Award for Excellence
in Mentoship (Primary/Junior)

Kevin Montag

The Associate Teacher Award for Excellence
in Mentoship (Intermediate/Senior)

Scholarships

Teacher Education Stream

Jillian A. Facchin

The Wayne Greenley Music Scholarship



Decanal Award for Teaching Excellence in Education

The Decanal Award for Teaching Excellence in Education recognizes the use or development of profound and/or innovative methods of curriculum design, course instruction, learning materials and technologies, and/or assessment. This award honours extraordinary teaching within a particular course or a teaching project completed within the given academic year that promotes students' critical thinking about and engagement with ideas, concepts, and practices that extend beyond the classroom and encourage deep learning and/or the innovative application of ideas.

Anne Corkery
Assistant Professor
2023-2024 Recipient

“She not only taught us theories and practical things, but showed us how to cultivate rich experiences for our students that will help them become the people they are meant to be.”

-Nominator

Areas of Expertise

A full faculty listing can be found at trentu.ca/education/faculty-research

Areas of Expertise		
Action Research	Early Childhood Interventions	Learning Strategies and Skills
Anishinaabe Medicine Wheel	Early Years	Lesson Planning
Arts Education	Early Years Math Learning	Literature and Empathy in the Classroom
Arts-informed Writing Pedagogies	Educational Administration	Mathematics Education
Classroom Communication	Educational Leadership	Music Education
Collaborative Models of Professional Learning	Educational Research	Outdoor & Environmental Education
Community and Adult Education	Environmental and Sustainability Education	Queer Women’s Representation
Community Learning	Equity & Diversity in Education	School Law
Critical Gender Literacies	Experiential Education & Experiential Learning	Science Education
Curriculum and Pedagogy	Indigenous Culture-based Education	Social & Co-justice Education
Curriculum Theorizing	Indigenous Culturally-responsive Teacher Education	Special Education
Deviance and Early School Leaving	Indigenous Research & Methodology	Supporting English Language Learners
Drama Education	Language & Literacy	Teacher & Student Efficacy
Early Childhood Education	Latinx Identity and Experience	Writing Methodologies

Statistics

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Education program in Canada,
among primarily undergraduate universities.

4926
Alumni

1149
Students*

675
Associate Teachers

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Website & Social Media
July 1, 2023 - June 24, 2024

1,028,781
Pageviews

842,324 54,361
/resources /programs

+50.4K
YouTube Views



1132
Twitter Followers



948
Instagram Follows



214
Facebook Followers



*not including Additional
Qualification registrants.

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