

# Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) Instructions

In order to complete your teaching practicum in schools, a **Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC)** is required for all Teacher Candidates, practicums occur in 4 separate blocks over two years of the program.

## **Public School Board Teacher Candidates (UPDATE – January 30, 2026)**

Due to new requirements from our partner public school boards, you will be required to obtain a VSC, four times over your two years in the program, as some boards request a VSC to be completed every 6 months.

Public school board teacher candidates must then apply for a VSC no earlier than **June 1** (to cover your Fall practicum) and **Dec 1** (to cover your Winter practicum).

Your first VSC for the Fall practicum, must be submitted to the Practicum Office by **July 10**, at [practicum@trentu.ca](mailto:practicum@trentu.ca)

## **Catholic School Board Teacher Candidates**

Apply for your VSC on **May 1, 2026**; it will not be accepted if dated prior to **May 1, 2026**; submit by **June 12, 2026** and e-mail your VSC to [practicum@trentu.ca](mailto:practicum@trentu.ca)

## **ALL INCOMING TEACHER CANDIDATES**

- 1) Failure to provide a VSC may result in your removal from the B.Ed. program.
- 2) No VSC will be accepted if it is for employment or for another agency.
- 3) Carefully read the details in the table below, and determine the option that applies to you and apply for your VSC.
- 4) You are responsible for any fee associated with obtaining this mandatory document.
- 5) When you receive your VSC from the Police, take a photo or scan the document, and send it to [practicum@trentu.ca](mailto:practicum@trentu.ca). Please review the photo/scan for appropriate size and clarity before sending.
- 6) Retain the original document to safekeeping as you will be required to provide it on the first day at each of your placement and practicum schools in 2026-2027.

Canadian Residents with a <u>postal code starting with any letter other than "M"</u>	Canadian Residents with a <u>postal code starting with the letter "M"</u>	International Students
<p>Using the attached letter from the Dean of Education (see page 2 of this document), print your name on it and apply for your Vulnerable Sector Check via your local police station. Check with your local Police process online before you apply; some police services will accept online applications, while others will not.</p> <p>Your police service will normally require proof that you reside in the district serviced by that police station. Please note that they may require you to file this request in your home district if you cannot provide such proof of residence.</p>	<p>Go to: <a href="https://www.tps.ca/services/police-record-checks/">https://www.tps.ca/services/police-record-checks/</a></p> <p>Click on "<i>Fill Out Form</i>" and register for an adult police record check account and apply for the <b>Vulnerable Sector Application</b>.</p> <p>In the field "<i>Reason for request Name of organization requesting Vulnerable Sector Check and organization code</i>", Enter: <b>Trent University B.Ed. 202310TPSON25C27</b></p>	<p>Apply for an International Police check (translated into English). When you receive those results, scan and e-mail a copy to <a href="mailto:practicum@trentu.ca">practicum@trentu.ca</a>.</p> <p>As soon as you arrive in Peterborough, you will need to apply for a VSS at the Peterborough Police Services office (500 Water Street, Peterborough). When you apply at the Peterborough Police you will need your International Police check along with the enclosed letter from the Dean of Education with you, to obtain that document.</p> <p>DO NOT DELAY in applying for your VSS as soon as you arrive in Peterborough. Once you receive the document from the Peterborough police, retain the original and scan a copy to <a href="mailto:practicum@trentu.ca">practicum@trentu.ca</a></p>

**E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR VSS QUESTIONS:** [practicum@trentu.ca](mailto:practicum@trentu.ca)

If, for any reason you are not able to send the VSC by the deadline, then you must email the specific details to [practicum@trentu.ca](mailto:practicum@trentu.ca) and each scenario will be determined on a case-by-case basis. **In some cases, not meeting the timeline given above may result in your B.Ed. program acceptance being deferred to the following year.**

May 1, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

\_\_\_\_\_ is a registered student at  
(Print full legal name)

the School of Education and Professional Learning, Trent University, in the Bachelor of Education program. They will be on unpaid Elementary and/or Secondary school practicum and placements for the 2026-2027 school year, and therefore require a Vulnerable Sector Check including a check of the Pardoned Sexual Offenders database.

Thank you,



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*Note: This letter is for all Ontario Police EXCEPT for Toronto Police Services.*