

## THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

*Seminary House and Emmerson Hall*

The School of Education prepares students for professional teaching service in elementary and secondary schools.

Acadia's Bachelor of Education program has three distinct features:

1. Preparation for leadership and excellence in teaching in educational settings which reflect the increasingly diverse nature of the public school population
2. Integration of information technology within the curriculum
3. Supervised field experience with opportunity for international practicum placement in year two.

### **Admission**

In keeping with our commitment to acknowledging the diversity of the school population, we encourage applications from racial, ethnic, cultural or other communities that are underrepresented in the teaching profession.

Applicants will be carefully selected after examination of all relevant information. Not all applicants who meet the minimum admission requirements will be admitted. The university reserves the right to refuse admission to any candidate.

### **Bachelor of Education Requirements:**

1. A recognized bachelor's degree with a minimum GPA of 2.67 (70%) in either the major area of study or in the last two years of study and satisfactory performance in other academic work.
2. Three letters of reference. If possible, one letter should refer to academic ability, one to work and/or volunteer experience, and one to personal qualities.
3. A successful interview with a School of Education selection committee.
4. Experience working with children and/or adolescents, for example, as a coach, counselor, parent, tutor, etc.
5. Provincial regulations require BEd students to pass a child abuse registry and criminal record check before their first field experience.

**Note:** The School of Education recognizes that certain extenuating circumstances may have prevented some applicants from meeting the 2.67 GPA requirement, that those who completed their undergraduate studies some time ago may not be able to obtain useful academic references, and that not everyone has equal opportunities to engage in employment or volunteer activities with children or adolescents. Our application package allows applicants to identify details of their individual circumstances that may have prevented them from meeting some requirements, and we urge applicants to disclose all relevant information.

6. Academic Background:

#### **A. Elementary program**

- Nine (9) credit hours in university Social Studies coursework from any one or combination of the disciplines as listed after 'Academic Background' (with a preference for local and Canadian History).
- Six (6) credit hours in university Science coursework from any one or combination of the disciplines as listed after 'Academic Background'.
- Three (3) credit hours in university Mathematics coursework with a preference for a course in fundamental concepts.
- Six (6) credit hours in university English coursework if undergraduate degree is delivered in English or six (6) credit hours if university French coursework if undergraduate degree is delivered in French.
- With permission of the Director, School of Education, a maximum of six (6) credit hours of cognate coursework may be recognized in fulfillment of the individual subject field requirements identified above as Elementary Education Prerequisites.

#### **B. Secondary program**

- A concentration of at least thirty (30) credit hours of university coursework in a discipline as listed after 'Academic Background'; a maximum of six (6) credit hours of cognate university coursework may be included in fulfillment of this requirement with permission of the Director, School of Education.
- A concentration of at least eighteen (18) credit hours of university coursework in a second discipline and different subject field than the thirty (30) credit hour

concentration as listed after 'Academic Background'; a maximum of six (6) credit hours of cognate university coursework may be included in fulfillment of this requirement with permission of the Director, School of Education.

- Six (6) credit hours in university Social Studies coursework from any one or combination of the disciplines as listed after 'Academic Background'.
- Three (3) credit hours of university coursework from among Mathematics, Science (excluding Psychology), or Computer Studies.
- Three (3) credit hours of university coursework in English if undergraduate degree is delivered in English or three (3) credit hours of university coursework in French if undergraduate degree is delivered in French
- With permission of the Director, School of Education, a maximum of six (6) credit hours of cognate university coursework may be recognized in fulfillment of the requirements in Social Studies, Math/ Science/ Computer Studies and English/ French identified above as Secondary Education Prerequisites.

#### Subject Field (Disciplines)

English; French [as a second subject field only]; Mathematics; Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology/ Earth Sciences, Oceanography and/ or Environmental Studies); Social Studies (Canadian Studies, History, Geography, Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, Law, Classics, African Canadian Studies, Mi'kmaq Studies and/ or Philosophy); Physical Education (Physical Education, Kinesiology); Music [requires special consideration as a second subject field]; Technology Education (Technology Education, Computer Science).

#### Teacher Certification

The Nova Scotia Education Act requires that any person employed as a public school teacher hold a teacher's certificate issued by the provincial Department of Education. Sole authority to issue such teaching certificates rests with the Department of Education. A degree or a transcript of credit from a university is not a certificate or authority to teach in Nova Scotia. The Acadia Bachelor of Education degree normally results in the awarding of an Initial Teaching Certificate by the Nova Scotia Department of Education. Other programs lead to certification advancement in accordance with Department of Education regulations.

Within the BEd programs, a CGPA of 2.67 or higher with no grade less than C- is required for graduation.

BEd programs cannot be taken through part-time study and must be completed within three years of initial registration.

#### Two Year Bachelor of Education (Elementary Education) (60h)

Educ 4003, 40A3, 40B3, 4053, 41F3, 4133, 4153, 4173, 4233, 4243, 4263, 4303, 4313, 4333, 4433, 4453, 4503, 4923, 4933, 3h approved elective.

Educ 4683 required for international student teaching placement and as a prerequisite for Educ 4673.

#### Two Year Bachelor of Education (Secondary Education) (60h)

Educ 4003, 40A3, 4053, 41F3, 4203, 4263, 4333, 4433, 4503, 4923, 4933, 12h approved electives, 3h from one of Educ 41J3, 41H3, 4553, 4513, 4663. All secondary education students must take a minimum of two of the following combinations of courses: Educ 4113/4613, 4143/4643, 4183/4783 or 4183/40C3, 4353/4753, Fran 4403/Educ 4793, Kine 3143/Educ 4703.

Educ 4683 required for international student teaching placement and as a prerequisite for Educ 4673.

**Technology Education** requires the methods courses Educ 4573, 4583, 4593; Educ 4683 required prior to an international student teaching placement and as prerequisite to Educ 4673. If students require content based courses (Educ 41A3, 41B3, 41C3), this generally results in 6h of additional coursework beyond the BEd requirements.

**Music Education** requires Educ 4653/4663.

The secondary program is designed to prepare subject specialists for secondary schools.

### **Certificate in Special Education (30h)**

A part-time program leading to a Certificate in Special Education is available for teachers, principals and supervisors with at least two years of teaching experience. A limited number of other individuals may, at the discretion of the director, be admitted as special students provided they are in employment related to teaching exceptional children.

Educ 4213, 4263, 4333, 4423, 4433 and either 4133 or 4203; 12h from Educ 4043, 4093, 4233, 4863, 4873

Candidates may select electives from other undergraduate courses within the School of Education with the prior approval of the director. The maximum of 6h undergraduate credit may be taken as electives from other Acadia University departments or schools with prior approval of the director.

### **First Degree: BSc with Honours in Mathematics and Statistics with Education**

#### **Second Degree: Bachelor of Education**

1. 6h English
2. 3h computer science courses directed towards computer science or science students (either Comp 1113 or Apsc 1413)
3. 18h in *one* of: Biology, Chemistry, Geology, or Physics to satisfy the requirements for a second teachable
4. 60h in Education as specified below. Educ 3203,4053,41F3,4333,4383,4003,40A3, 40C3, 4263,4553,4433,4923,4203,4783,4503,4933, 4183, 4143\*,4643\* Educ elective
5. 54h in Mathematics and Statistics so as to satisfy the requirements of a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Mathematics and Statistics: 1013, 1023, 1313, 1333, 2013, 2023, 2213, 2223, 2313, 3533; one of Math 3213 or 3303; Math 4996 and at least 15h additional at the 3000/4000-level, of which 6h must be at the 4000 level, or Math 4913 and at least 18h additional at the 3000/4000-level, of which 6h must be at the 4000 level, each completed with a minimum grade of B-. The 4000-level courses are to be approved by the department.
6. 6h electives in one of Economics, History, Philosophy, Political Science or Sociology
7. 3h electives

\* or approved elective in the visual arts area

\*\* equivalent methods courses for second teachable areas other than science can be substituted

### **First Degree: BSc Double Major Mathematics and Statistics with Education**

#### **Second Degree: Bachelor of Education**

1. 6h English
2. 3h computer science courses directed towards computer science or science students (either Comp 1113 or Apsc 1413)
3. 18h in *one* of : Biology, Chemistry, Geology, or Physics to satisfy the requirements for a second teachable
4. 60h in Education – Educ 3203,4053,41F3,4333,4383,4003,40A3, 40C3, 4263, 4553\*, 4433, 4923, 4203, 4783, 4503, 4933, 4183, 4143\*\*, 4643\*\* Educ elective .
5. 42h in Mathematics and Statistics so as to satisfy the requirements of a Bachelor of Science with Double Major, first major in Mathematics and Statistics: Math 1013, 1023, 1313, 1333, 2013, 2023, 2213, 2223, 2313, 15h additional at 3000/4000 level.
6. 6h electives in one of Economics, History, Philosophy, Political Science or Sociology
7. 9h science electives
8. 6h electives

\* or approved elective in the visual arts area

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