

Open Acadia

Open Acadia provides opportunities for lifelong learning through credit and non-credit studies. To meet the diverse needs of students, Open Acadia offers online learning, spring and summer sessions, professional development opportunities, programs for youth, a seniors program, English Language studies, and special summer institutes. Details on all programs can be found on the Open Acadia website at <http://www.openacadia.ca/>.

Credit Studies – University credit courses and programs offered through Open Acadia are indicated on the Open Acadia website. These courses lead to undergraduate certificates or may be taken towards bachelor's and master's degree programs. The curricula for these programs appear under the relevant departmental section of the calendar.

Online Learning – Over 90 online courses are offered using a variety of media. Most online courses may be started at any time and are self-paced. Students have up to 6 months to complete a 3 credit-hour course or up to 12 months to complete a 6 credit-hour course.

Full-time Acadia students may take online courses during the April-August period or at any other time by permission of the Dean, Director or Department Head. Acadia students graduating in May must write their final examinations by April 15 to allow time for the processing of grades before graduation.

Intersession (Spring and Summer Sessions) – Intersession courses are offered during the months of May, June, July, and August. Over 80 courses in subjects from a variety of disciplines are offered during compressed terms. Most courses are three weeks in duration. Courses leading to master's degrees in Education are available, providing opportunity for teachers to improve professional certification.

Summer Institutes for Teachers – Intensive summer institutes are offered to meet the schedules of teachers. Institutes are usually three weeks in duration and include two graduate-level Education courses. Some pre- and post coursework may be required.

Certificate in French Proficiency – Acadia University's Certificate for Proficiency in French provides Nova Scotia French language teachers and other interested individuals with the opportunity to improve their level of French language proficiency as part of their personal and professional development. The 30 credit-hour certificate is offered through Open Acadia by the Department of Languages and Literatures. Courses are offered during a summer institute or through off-campus or online courses. Detailed program information is found in the Program Study section of this calendar.

Certificate in Business Management: 30h of Business courses. Up to 12 of the 30 hours may be selected from the following courses: Econ 1013, 1023, 2613, Math 1613 or 1013, Comm 1213.

Note: all these non-business courses are required within the BBA degree program.

Admission – Students who wish to take university credit through Open Acadia must first be admitted to Acadia University. Admission may be based on previous academic study or through provision for mature student entrance. Part-time students may register for a maximum of 12 credit-hours of online learning courses at any one time.

Non-Credit Studies English Language Studies

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) – This program is Acadia's intensive Academic English language immersion program. It is designed for students wishing to improve their language skills in preparation for academic studies at university. There are five levels in the EAP program (250, 500, 1000, 2000, and Bridging). Students in the Bridging level take on 3 hour academic credit course in addition to full-time EAP study. Students must pass the Bridging level with a B or higher to enter their degree program studies.

Online English for Academic Purposes (OEAP) – These courses provide an online complement to our on-campus EAP program. They are designed for students who want to begin their language studies from their home country, completing the lower levels of the program before they arrive on

campus. EAP 1000 and 2000 can currently be completed by students online. Students must complete the top level (Bridging) on campus in order to enter their degree program.

English as a Second Language and English for Professional Purposes (ESL/EPP) – These courses provide an opportunity for young adults and professionals to improve their English for professional purposes, everyday usage, and communication through immersion in a Canadian context. Students receive a TOEIC score upon completion of the program which is recognized by employers throughout the world as a measure of English Language proficiency.

TESOL Certificate Program (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) – This program is designed for both prospective English language teachers interested in working in the ESL field, as well as practicing teachers who wish to upgrade their skills and qualifications. The coursework in the certificate is made up of three 3 credit-hour courses offered by the School of Education. Educ 4673, 4683, 4863. Students must also complete a non-credit practicum to satisfy the requirements of the certificate. The certificate qualifies applicants to apply for TESL Canada Standard 1 Professional Certification. The three courses are available both on campus during the academic year, or by online learning.

Acadia Lifelong Learning Centre - The Acadia Lifelong Learning Centre (ALL) is a community-driven initiative of Open Acadia that provides quality educational opportunities for older adults. ALL offers short courses and lectures that bring the university to the community in a meaningful way. The benefits of being an ALL member include free ALL seminars, undergraduate credit course audits (*), and access to the Vaughan Memorial Library. (*) Some restrictions apply.

Youth Programs – Open Acadia offers programs for middle and high school youth. Each year, expert scientists are invited to the Huggins High School Science Seminar to share their work and passion for science in this lecture series for exceptional high-school youth. The program is for students in grades 10-12 interested in pursuing science in their post-secondary education.

Professional Development and Customized Training – Open Acadia's professional development programs provide modular, flexible learning experiences for professionals who seek to retrain or diversify their skills. Areas of study include:

- Human Resources Certificate
- Project Management Certificate
- Elder Planning Counselor Certificate
- Customized training