

Bachelor of Education Teaching Certification

Intermediate/Senior IS

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WELCOME

The rigorous and multi-faceted learning experience that you will gain while pursuing your degree here in the Faculty of Education will prepare you for success in your future teaching practice and communities.

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As this meeting is virtual and we are not all gathered in the same space, I recognize that this land acknowledgment might not be for the territory that you are currently on. We ask that if this is the case, you take the responsibility to acknowledge the traditional territory you are on and the current treaty holders.

York University recognizes that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships with the territories upon which York University campuses are located that precede the establishment of York University. York University acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been cared for by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat. It is now home to many First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peacefully share and care for the Great Lakes region.

OVERVIEW

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EDU Blog <http://myedu.blog.yorku.ca/>

We want to keep you informed through the summer!

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Faculty of Education, York University

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Overview and Practicum

Overview

The Bachelor of Education (BEd) at York University is designed to be a place where theory and practice are deeply linked and where foundations and methods courses and school and community experiences speak to one another. It consists of 10 full courses (60 credits) delivered over a period of four semesters, and includes required courses, a community placement, practicum placements, and elective courses. The program is structured around four broad themes – one for each semester:

- Orientation to the profession in community
- Learners
- Classroom and Curriculum
- Schooling, Society and Research.

Practicum Experiences

You will begin your practicum experience in the first year with both a community placement and a school-based placement. These complementary placements support the development of community-based practice, reflecting our Faculty's foundational belief in the relationship between school and community. These placements will allow you time to observe, relate, reflect and deconstruct your understandings of teaching and learning with a focus on links between theory and practice. In year one you will spend one day per week in each placement. In the second year you will undertake a school-based placement with both weekly days in placement and teaching block experiences. We are confident that these experiences will help you become exemplary teachers who are engaged in the facilitation of learning for Ontario students.

Frequently Asked Questions

Send us a message to osp@edu.yorku.ca? We'll answer the questions as soon as we can, and post repeat answers here!!

COMMUNICATION



Communication is offered to students' York email address (@my.yorku.ca)

For more information on York Email, please visit <https://google.info.yorku.ca/>

Messages can occasionally be filtered to SPAM/JUNK folders, and students are encouraged to check those frequently.



When contacting Student Services remember to use your name, student number and division (PJ, JI or IS) in your email*



* Pro tip: put those details in your email signature...!!

ADVISING PACKAGE



Primary-Junior-Intermediate-Senior (Year 1)

Fall/Winter 2025-26 Advising

Bachelor of Education program classes begin Monday August 25th

FACULTY OF EDUCATION STUDENT RESOURCES

VISIT: FACULTY OF EDUCATION at yorku.ca/edu

CURRENT STUDENTS: <https://www.yorku.ca/edu/students/>

Students can access information on:

- Practicum
- International Opportunities
- Program Calendars
- Financial Support
- Advising
- Faculty of Education Student Association
- Student Handbook
- Convocation
- Mentorship
- Forms
- Course & Program Requirements
- Concentrations

STUDENT ADVISING

The Faculty of Education, Office of Student Services offers individual advising three days a week – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am to 4pm <https://www.yorku.ca/edu/students/undergraduate-programs/undergraduate-student-services-advising/>

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION/PRACTICUM OFFICE

Located: 134 Winters College

Email: practicumoffice@edu.yorku.ca

EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE (ERC)

The ERC is a library of materials to support you during your practice teaching by providing access to a number of resources and materials exclusively to Faculty of Education students. Resources include manipulatives, Teacher's guides, solution manuals and classroom technology.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

The Faculty of Education is certified by the Ontario College of Teachers to deliver AQ/ABQ/PQP courses for certified teachers. As teacher candidates near the completion of their BEd they may register for courses prior to [graduation](#).

Religious Education: Teaching in Catholic Schools. This certificate course is open to anyone applying to the Catholic School Boards in Ontario. Faculty of Education students are eligible to register in their final year of study. This course is not equivalent to Religious Education, Part 1 Additional Qualification (AQ). This is not a mandatory course but is advised if seeking employment with a Catholic School Board (CSB). The CSB may require candidates to be practicing Roman/Eastern rite Catholics. Registration https://pd.edu.yorku.ca/reg/course_search

FACULTY OF EDUCATION STUDENT ASSOCIATION (FESA)

FESA is a non-profit, levy-funded student association that works as a liaison between the Faculty of Education and its students. FESA strives to guide Faculty of Education students through their degree by supporting them with various workshops, professional development, and conference opportunities.

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND BURSARIES

Students are encouraged to apply for awards through Financial Aid, Awards and Scholarships (FAAS) Application. Through York's Financial Aid, Awards and Scholarships application (FAAS App), students will be able to:

- view and apply for available scholarships, awards and bursaries;
- be automatically matched to scholarships, awards and bursaries based on information you provide and your academic qualifications;
- track award applications;
- view a summary of your FAAS funding through this platform

Awards offered to Faculty of Education students <https://www.yorku.ca/edu/students/undergraduate-programs/awards-for-undergraduate-students/>

YORK UNIVERSITY STUDENT RESOURCES

As a York University student, you have access to a range of services here [at York](#). Please visit <https://students.yorku.ca/services-and-support> to familiarize yourself with the services that are available. Many of the services can be accessed online at <https://myonlineservices.students.yorku.ca/>.

In addition, we have listed some support services below:

Student Financial Services (in the Bennett Centre for Student Services) Provides access to a number of financial services and self-service tools for students. EMAIL: rscheck@yorku.ca or by telephone at (416) 872.YORK (9675)

- ✓ Financial questions (OSAP, tuition deadlines, scholarships and RESPs)
- ✓ Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries
- ✓ Student Account Online Statements
- ✓ Financial Document Tracker
- ✓ Student Financial Profile (SFP)
- ✓ Tax Forms

Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

If you have a diagnosed disability, we encourage you to contact York's Student Accessibility Services Office as soon as possible, to ensure that any necessary academic accommodations are in place for you at the start of your studies. SAS also offers pre-university transition support workshops and programs, which may be of interest to you and your family.

Community Service Groups

The YFS recognizes the fundamental, institutionalized, and systemic nature of oppression and has created five autonomous Community Service Groups to provide resources and services in the hopes of helping to facilitate the advocacy of marginalized groups on campus. Community Service Groups also organize events and create safe spaces for students.

- Access Centre
- Transgendered Bisexual Lesbian Gay Asexual at York (TBLGAY)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Consecutive Teacher candidates

Was your degree already conferred when you applied?

Official transcript(s) are required if:

- You are graduating in spring or fall 2025, and/or
- You did not send official transcript(s) when you applied or
- You uploaded a transcript into MyFile.

Official Transcripts need to be received by July 15, 2025

- York U. students do not need to send in transcript(s)

Concurrent Teacher candidates Maintain a 5.0 grade point average and no more than 12.00 credits outstanding in their undergraduate degree. Course grades used for teaching subject certification are no less than a C+.

ACADEMIC/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Maintain good standing in the program

- Minimum C+ in each course
- Successfully complete and pass practicum placements

YORK GRADE SCALE

Grade	Grade Point	Per Cent Range	Description
A+	9	90-100	Exceptional
A	8	80-89	Excellent
B+	7	75-79	Very Good
B	6	70-74	Good
C+	5	65-69	Competent
C	4	60-64	Fairly Competent
D+	3	55-59	Passing
D	2	50-54	Marginally Passing
E	1	(marginally below 50%)	Marginally Failing
F	0	(below 50%)	Failing

ACADEMIC SUPPORT TOOLS

If you encounter problems while in the program:

Discuss with your Course Directors **as soon as possible** to determine what action you need to take.

Book an appointment with your Education Academic Advisor if necessary

- **Petitions:** Student requesting a change to a rule/regulation
- **Deferred Standing Agreement:** Student requesting an extension of course work or practicum requirement(s). This is an arrangement agreed by both instructor and student.

Withdrawing from the program: Teacher candidates must submit a Program Withdrawal form through the Office of Student Services, (osp@edu.yorku.ca)

ACCOMMODATIONS

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) <https://accessibility.students.yorku.ca/>

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Registration with Student Accessibility Services is a 3-step process:

1. **Log into the [Student Accessibility Services Portal](#) and complete the registration questionnaire.**
 - Will need your [Passport York](#) username and password to sign-into our portal.
2. **SAS will email instructions to submit documentation via their portal as soon as they have processed the student's questionnaire.**
 - Students with different disabilities/diagnoses will have different kinds of documentation to submit to the office. Visit [Registration Documentation](#) page to identify the documentation we need to develop your individualized academic accommodation plan.
3. **Connect with an Accessibility Counsellor.**
 - SAS will contact you about connecting with an Accessibility Counsellor as soon as they have reviewed your documentation.
 - Currently, Accessibility Counsellors are meeting with students via Zoom.

eCLASS (<https://eclass.yorku.ca/>)

eClass is a learning management system (LMS) that can be used to complement face-to-face courses or deliver courses completely online.

Provides to students and instructors:

- Instructors post lesson plans, readings.
- Discussion groups
- Online submission of assignments and course work

Visit <https://lthelp.yorku.ca/student-guide-to-eclass> for more information.

ATTENDANCE

Bachelor of Education Teaching Certification

It's important to remember that the BEd is a full-time academic program that has a very full schedule, and the degree is accredited as an in-person program. With the professional nature of the program and expectations from the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT), it is expected that students attend classes together to enrich their learning experiences and to prepare them to enter the teaching profession.

80% of your BEd courses will have a maximum 45 students allowing Course Directors to ensure teacher candidates are active participants in the class discussions. Students need to be fully present.

WHILE IN THE PROGRAM

- ✓ [Education Resource Centre](#)
- ✓ [Mentor Teacher Resource Room](#) (HANDBOOK)
- ✓ [BEd Course Requirements](#)

Monthly calendars/course schedule

- ✓ Google Calendars should be available end of June (subject to change)

<https://www.yorku.ca/edu/students/undergraduate-programs/bed-program-calendars/>

- ✓ Your fellow classmates...!!! 😊

FESA

Welcome to get involved in FESA.

Faculty of Education Student Association

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FESA provides students with workshop, professional development and conference opportunities. All of the proceeds from FESA's annual fundraising events are donated to the school in Wikondiek, Kenya which FESA helps to support. Wikondiek hosts York students as interns through the [York International Internship Program \(YIIP\)](#).

Website: www.fesayorku.com

FESA Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FESAYork/>

General Inquiries Email: general@fesayorku.com

Other contact information can be found on our website!

We will be looking to fill vacant council positions over the summer so be sure to check out our social channels.

YORK STUDENT SERVICES/RESOURCES

Visit the Advising packages for information

- ✓ Access information through [YU Current Students website](#)
 - ✓ Support Services
 - ✓ Fees and Financial Assistance
 - ✓ OSAP – apply by June 30th
 - ✓ [York Student Email](#)

YU–Card <https://www.yorku.ca/yucard/>

Police Record Check/VSS

All Teacher Candidates (TCs) enrolled in a BEd program must have a valid Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) for every year in the program.

- ✓ At the start of the program in September, all TCs must have a cleared VSS document.
- ✓ TCs must re-apply for a new VSS prior to the expiry date of the existing one every year.
- ✓ **Updated information is available on the blog and the advising package**

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION - Practicum

Year 1 Practicum placement

School – Experience working collaboratively with a mentor teacher in school-based practicum placements (begins mid October). One day per week and culminating days end of fall term for 1 ½ weeks in December and also during last three weeks of April.

PLACEMENT - IN SCHOOL

Please be aware that all practicum placements are confirmed by our partner school boards and our ability to secure placements is dependent on the availability of host mentor teachers at participating schools---and include considerations of health and safety for all individuals.

The focus will be on inquiry, active engagement, co-planning and co-teaching to independent practice.

How many days per week will I be in the host school?

Teacher Candidates will attend placement at the host school for one full day per week plus three-week (culminating days) during the winter term, as per the Program calendar. There is no option to change days. Plan to be in your host school from approximately 8:00 until 4:00 on your practicum day.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION

What will I do while in placement?

The first year will focus on the development of professional understandings and relationships within the school community. **Teacher Candidates will have responsibility for participating actively for the whole school day, undertaking a range of experiences** such as working with small groups and/or individual students, deconstructing their understandings of teaching and learning with a focus on links between theory and practice, facilitating classroom transitions, co-planning and co-teaching with the mentor teacher, and engaging in lesson study. Teacher Candidates will also have the opportunity to experience different school settings (divisions, non-classroom, rotary, ELL, special education, etc.) throughout the year.

Who supports my school practicum experience?

Mentor Teacher, Practicum Facilitator (Faculty Liaison), Practicum (EE Office)

PREPARING

- Think of yourself as a professional. Starting with your first day of placement, you will be viewed as a “teacher” by students, staff and parents in your host school. “Wear” the role in your manner, communication and appearance.
- Make sure you have made personal arrangements to allow yourself to be “fully present” in your host school for full day... physically, emotionally and intellectually.
- Prepare for change – and be flexible!
- SMILE! This will be an outstanding year. We look forward to sharing the journey as you become an exemplary teacher.

<https://mtrr.blog.yorku.ca/> (Handbook)

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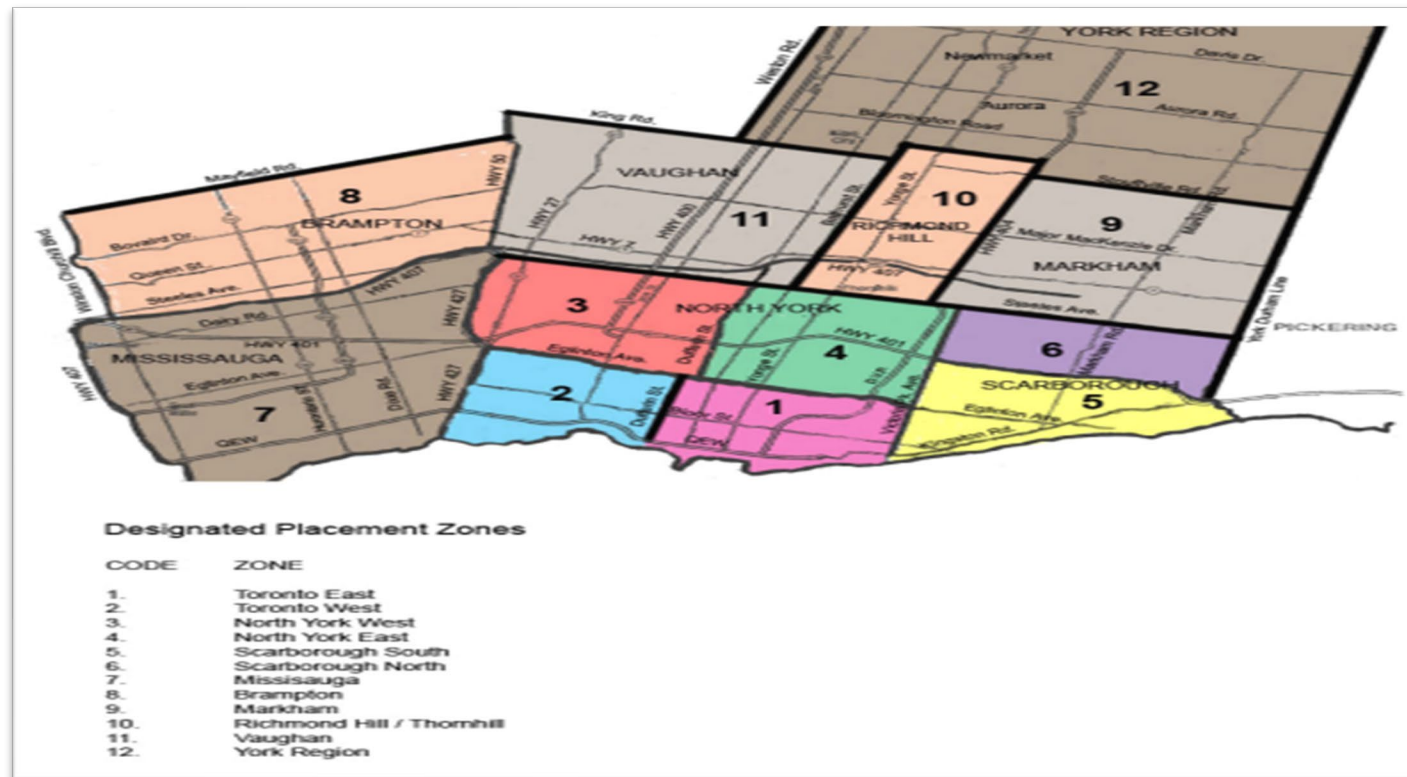
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PRACTICUM ZONES

Fill out the Mach form (Check List in the Advising package) to select the Zone choices for Year 1 In-School placement. <https://edu.yorku.ca/files/2018/09/ZoneMap.pdf>

Public or Catholic partner schools within York Region, Toronto or Peel/Dufferin



COURSES – Intermediate/Senior

ED/EDPR 2000 3.00 section A: Practicum – School Placement

ED/EDUC XXXX 3.00 **Education Elective** - enrol in one in mid-June

- EDFE 1101 3.00 Adolescent Development & Health
- EDFE 1300 3.00 Inclusive Education
- EDFE 2000 6.00 Found. of Education & Theory into Practice
- EDIS 3610 3.00 New Media Literacies
- EDPR 1000 3.00 Studies in Communities and Their Schools
- XXXX 4000 3.00 First teaching subject, Part A
- XXXX 4001 3.00 First teaching subject, Part B

EDUCATION Enrolment

Teacher Candidates entering Year 1 ED will enrol in

- **EDPR 2000 3.00 section A (Catalogue #: W68D01)**

School Practicum begins mid October

- Education elective:
 - enrolment in elective will begin June 19th
 - List with catalogue # will be posted early June in New Student Blog.
 - Select **only one** from the list!

Keep an eye on the New Student BLOG for any changes.

TUITION/FEEES

Year 1 enrolled in 30.00 credits

Year 2 enrolled in 30.00 credits

TOTAL 60.00 credits

Tuition and Supplementary Fees FW 2024-25

Domestic – approx. \$7,315.00 for 30.00 credits

<https://students.yorku.ca/sfs/fees/courses/2024-2025/fall-winter/education>

(FW 2025-26 will be posted by late June/early July)

Program Start – Monday, August 25, 2025

- Welcome to the program (Guest speakers)
- Ontario Teachers Federation
- Ontario College of Teachers
- Practicum Break Out Sessions
- Centre for Human Rights Equity and Inclusion (CHREI) Mandatory Course Module & Workshop
- Familiarizing yourself with eClass

There are required courses during this week!!!!

CAMPUS TOURS (visit the Blog)



LOOK FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER

We're looking forward to meeting you in person this fall and welcome to contact us at osp@edu.yorku.ca or visit us in **128 Winters College**

Faculty of Education Student Services hours:

- Monday – Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

*Summer hours: **Fridays 9:00am to 3:00pm starting May long weekend***

Check out what our faculty and staff are doing:

EDU News & Events: <https://www.yorku.ca/edu/news/>

Don't forget, visit the **New Student Blog** weekly for any updates. <http://myedu.blog.yorku.ca/>

Check List

- ✓ Created Passport York account?
- ✓ Fill out the Zone Choice Mach form TODAY
<https://eduforms.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=82415>
- ✓ Enrolled in ED/EDPR 2000 3.00 by May 5, 2025
- ✓ Pay \$300.00 non-refundable deposit fee by June 15, 2025
- ✓ Enrol in elective (EDUC) course starting June 19, 2025
- ✓ Begin Police Record Check process no earlier than July 1, 2025
- ✓ Submitted unofficial transcript and/or transcripts with mid-term grades (conditional offers of admission)
 - Submit official final transcript(s) by July 15, 2025
 - Official letter from home university Registrar by July 15, 2025 indicating graduation in Fall 2025

Keep an eye on the MYEDU BLOG

QUESTIONS

