WHAT IS A TEACHER?

The role of a teacher is to use classroom instruction and presentations to help students learn and apply concepts such as math, English, and science. In today's world, a teacher's role is quite multifaceted. Their job is to counsel students, help them learn how to use their knowledge and integrate it into their lives so they will become valuable members of society. Teachers are encouraged to adapt learning methods to each individual student's learning, to challenge and inspire them to learn.

WHAT UNIVERSITY BACKGROUND IS NEEDED?

- Entry into most teacher education programs requires that you first complete your undergraduate degree, and obtain teaching-related experiences.
- Your specialist/major/minor can determine what subject(s) and grade level(s) you are eligible to teach.

CHOOSING A LEVEL AND SUBJECT TO TEACH

1. Primary/Junior Level (Junior Kindergarten – Grade 6)
   - Applicants do not choose teaching subjects, except for French as a Second Language.
   - Applicants are at an advantage if they have taken a variety of courses in English, Math, Science, Fine Arts Social Science/Humanities (Canadian History/Geography)
2. Junior/Intermediate Level (Grades 4 – 10)
   - Applicants choose ONE teaching subject
3. Intermediate/Senior Level (Grades 7 – 12)
   - Applicants choose TWO teaching subjects
4. Technological Studies
   - For details on the technological studies stream please see the following websites:
     Queen's: http://educ.queensu.ca/tech
     York: http://edu.yorku.ca/academic-programs/bachelor-of-education/concurrent-bed/specialized-programs/
     University of Ontario Institute of Technology: http://education.uoit.ca

TIPS:
- Each Faculty of Education may have different admissions requirements for teachables (teaching subjects). Also, some subjects may have more prerequisites than others, even at the primary/junior level. Refer to the admissions information for each Faculty you are interested in.
- If you intend to apply to the Faculties of Education, check each Faculty's academic requirements well in advance, particularly when choosing your undergraduate specialist/major(s)/minor(s) and elective courses.

CHOOSING TO APPLY TO A CONSECUTIVE OR A CONCURRENT PROGRAM

- Consecutive Program: Complete an undergraduate university degree, and then apply to a Teacher Education Program
- Concurrent Program: Complete Education courses concurrently with Arts & Science courses. You usually receive a B.A./B.Ed. or B.Sc./B.Ed. at the same convocation. Currently, Lakehead, Nipissing, Windsor, York and Laurentian University offer concurrent programs

HOW TO APPLY TO FACULTIES OF EDUCATION IN ONTARIO

Apply online at http://www.ouac.on.ca/teas/ (you’ll need to create an online account). Deadline for September 2019 entry is December 1, 2018

- Apply early to ensure you receive your OUAC reference number (required to submit supplementary information by the deadline).
- In addition to completing the online “COMPASS TEAS” application, you will need to complete the profiles/supplementary forms of the Faculties to which you are applying: http://www.ouac.on.ca/teas/teas-profiles
- The supplementary information may include several components, weighted differently by each faculty. Possible components include: reference letters, experience profiles, and statements on why you would like to become a teacher
- The online application service fee is $159, and entities applicants to 3 choices of faculties of education/programs ($51 per additional selection after the first 3)
- Fees are $12 per transcript requested. After creating your “COMPASS TEAS” account, you can order transcripts by completing the “transcript request section” of the online application.
- Each Faculty of Education also charges an additional mandatory supplementary/faculty service fee (between $50 - $100). These fees amounts can be found in the TEAS 2018 Instruction booklet, and on the TEAS website.

TIPS:
- Consider volunteering in your former schools or school boards. Aim to arrange a year-long volunteer experience.
- Keep a log or diary of your teaching related experiences, which will help you to REFLECT on your insights regarding teaching and learning. The reflection logs will help you to complete the experience profile forms required when submitting your application.

CHANGES TO THE OISE/UT FACULTY OF EDUCATION

The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto no longer offers B.Ed. teacher education programs. It now focuses on providing graduate teacher education programs. Interested applicants can consider OISE/UT’s two graduate teacher education programs:

- Master of Teaching: http://oise.utoronto.ca/mt

NOTE: This tipsheet focuses on the requirements for Ontario undergraduate (i.e., B.Ed.) rather than graduate level teaching programs. For information on graduate level teaching programs, refer to the specific program websites.
FACULTIES OF EDUCATION IN ONTARIO OFFERING B.Ed. PROGRAMS

1. Brock University: http://www.brocku.ca/registrar/teacher-education/admission-criteria
2. Lakehead University: http://education.lakehead.ca
3. Laurentian University (consecutive program taught in French): http://laurentian.ca/program/education
5. University of Ottawa (taught in English and/or French): http://www.educ.uottawa.ca/en
6. Queen’s University: http://www.educ.queensu.ca
7. Trent University: http://www.trentu.ca/education
10. Wilfrid Laurier University: http://www.wlu.ca/education

Notes:
- All of the above Faculties offer consecutive teaching programs, and many offer concurrent programs. Apply to Consecutive programs through www.ouac.on.ca/teas. Concurrent programs have different application procedures; visit each school’s web site for details.
- The TEAS instruction booklet lists which programs (i.e. P/J, J/I, I/S) are available at each university. The booklet is available at: www.ouac.on.ca/teas

OTHER SCHOOLS OFFERING TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN ONTARIO

1. Tyndale University College (Toronto, ON) offers program for P/J and J/I. This is a 16-month program (full-time): http://www.tyndale.ca/education/program
2. Redeemer University College (Ancaster, ON) offers program for P/J and J/I. This is a 2-year program: http://www.redeemer.ca/academics/departments/education

WANT TO STUDY OUTSIDE OF ONTARIO?

These are some websites for further information:
- Website listing some of the Faculties of Education in other Canadian provinces: http://www.resource.educationcanada.com/foe.html

OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- Canadian Teachers’ Federation: http://www.ctf-fce.ca/ and Ontario College of Teachers (OCT): www.oct.ca/

OTHER RESOURCES AT THE UTM CAREER CENTRE

- Graduate and Professional Schools Fair, Includes the Faculties of Teaching and Education – Usually happens in Sept. (10:00am – 2:00pm), Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre, UTM. Speak with representatives from Faculty of Education Programs from Ontario, the U.S., and Australia. For a list of Faculties attending the Fair: http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/careers/graduate-and-professional-schools-fair
- Is Teaching In Your Future? – General information sessions are held in the fall and winter terms, to give students an overview of the application process in Ontario, and the recommended experience and preparation for applying to Ontario Faculties of Education. Sign up for an information session on our website: https://info.utoronto.ca/home.htm
- Extern Job Shadowing Program – A career exploration program - an opportunity to meet with people working in your preferred career area (e.g. job shadowing a school teacher, a principal, etc.): https://info.utoronto.ca/home.htm then go to programs and extern.
- Print Resources – Browse through the occupational binders for teaching related info. These resources are kept in our Career Centre Resource Library. As well, a listing of websites and brochures for Canadian and U.S. teaching programs and a selection of admission guides are available for your use.
- Personal Statement Critiques and Practice Interviews – If you need assistance preparing for your applications (Applicant Profile, Personal Statement, please complete our Personal Statement e-module http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/careers/events-services or attend our Personal Statement workshop which is offered a few times each semester. Once you have a draft prepared, book an appointment and we will critique your statement/response to questions. Students are entitled to 3 personal statement critiques per semester.
- Career Counselling Appointments – If you need assistance with exploring alternative career options, book an appointment with us. We’re here to help!

Please note that this information is subject to change. It is best to refer to the original sources for the most up to date information. (Updated September 2018)