Bachelor of Education

ONSITE | 2 Years

Develop the habits of mind, hand and heart that define passionate teachers and leaders in education at a university that consistently offers one of Canada’s best student experiences.

The two-year Bachelor of Education (BEd) degree has been purposefully designed to address current needs in education and prepare graduates to become educational leaders on a global scale.

Western teacher candidates will gain real world experience through a combination of course work, practica and field placements that will see them spending as much time working in the field as studying on Western’s campus.

Career Opportunities

Western’s Bachelor of Education provides graduates with a wide range of skills and abilities that enable them to become leaders in the field of education, but also take on a variety of career opportunities anywhere in the world. Here is a sample of what some of our recent graduates are doing now:

- Teacher - Thames Valley District School Board
- Elementary Teacher - Colegio Ingles in Mexico
- French Education Coordinator - Oxford Learning Centre
- Program Supervisor - London Children’s Connection
- Instructor - Artline Art School

Admission Requirements and How to Apply

Minimum Requirements

Applicants require a minimum 70 per cent average on their best 10 full-year university courses. Preference is given to students who have completed four-year degrees or 20 full undergraduate credits.

Final decisions regarding admission are based on a combination of factors, including extent, depth and breadth of academic background, academic average and an experience profile, which candidates will be required to complete.

Your undergraduate degree need not be completed before you apply, but must be completed before you can begin the program. Experience with the age group in which you are interested, work experience, travel and other enriching life experiences contribute to a strong Experience Profile.

Applications

Applications are available online in mid-September from the Ontario Universities’ Application Centre (OUAC) at: [www.ouac.on.ca/teas](http://www.ouac.on.ca/teas)

Information sessions for interested applicants are offered at various times throughout the year. A schedule of these sessions, as well as detailed information about admission requirements, is available on our website: [www.edu.uwo.ca](http://www.edu.uwo.ca)

Admission will be based on space and competition.
About the BEd

The Bachelor of Education program offers choice, enabling you to select both a stream that prepares you to teach a specific age group, as well as a specialty area to further tailor your studies to your personal and professional interests.

The BEd program not only offers teacher candidates the chance to specialize, but also enables them to apply this expertise towards advanced standing in the Faculty of Education’s Master of Professional Education (MPEd) degree.

Why the Western Education BEd?

The program includes features to help enhance what graduates have to offer and set them apart as new teachers, including:

- An opportunity to specialize in one of several areas of need in education;
- An international context to broaden candidates’ horizons and prospects; and
- The chance to apply the expertise gained in their chosen specialty area towards advanced standing in the Faculty of Education’s Master of Professional Education (MPEd) degree.

During our four-term (two-year) program, teacher candidates will experience:

**Timeline**

**YEAR 1**
- **Class**: 9 weeks
- **Practicum**: 4 weeks
- **Holiday**: 4 weeks
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- **Practicum**: 4 weeks

**YEAR 2**
- **Practicum**: 6 weeks
- **Class**: 5 weeks
- **AFE**: 3 weeks
- **Holiday**: 3 weeks
- **Class**: 5 weeks
- **Practicum**: 5 weeks
- **AFE**: 4 weeks

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**Primary-Junior**

Prepare to teach all subjects, Kindergarten to Grade 6.

When applying, preference will be given to applicants who have completed at least one-half credit in four or more of the following areas: English, Fine Arts, Health and Physical Education, Mathematics, Science, Social Science/ Humanities.

**Primary-Junior French**

Prepare to teach core and immersion French, Kindergarten to Grade 6.

When applying, applicants must choose Primary-Junior French as their program. Candidates in this program will complete their specialty in French Elementary.

**Junior-Intermediate**

Prepare to teach Grades 4 to 10.

When applying, applicants must choose one teaching subject from: French, Music-Instrumental, Music-Vocal, Religious Education.

**Intermediate-Senior**

Prepare to teach Grades 7 to 12.


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**Master of Professional Education (MPEd)**

BEd students are encouraged to apply to continue their studies in the MPEd. Advanced standing is based on the specialty area chosen in the Western Education BEd.

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**Choose a Stream**

Select the stream that best matches the age group you’re interested in teaching.

**Choose a Specialty**

Select the specialty that aligns with your personal and professional interests.

**Ladder to a Master’s Degree**

Follow your BEd studies with a Master of Professional Education and complete it in 14 to 16 months instead of 24 months.

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**1. Advanced Studies in the Psychology of Achievement, Inclusion and Mental Health**

**2. Early Childhood Education**

**3. French Elementary**

**4. International Education**

**5. Urban Education**

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*There is currently no option to ladder into an MPEd with advanced standing from a French specialization.*

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Timeline:

- **27** weeks of courses in the faculty
- **20** weeks of in-school teaching
- **7** weeks of alternative field experience (field placement or research or leadership project)
- **28** professional days (including job fairs and professional liaison events)