



**UNIVERSITY
OF ALBERTA**

EDUCATION

VIEWBOOK 2024 - 2025



WE ARE

in awe of the power of education to change lives. It's why we are dedicated to preparing the next generation of teachers, scholars and leaders to take hold of opportunity — and transform it for a better tomorrow.

When you join the University of Alberta's Faculty of Education, you are joining one of the world's top faculties of education.

A degree from our faculty means your credentials will be recognized worldwide.

Territorial Acknowledgement

The University of Alberta acknowledges that we are located on Treaty 6 territory, and respects the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.

#3 IN CANADA

2023 MACLEAN'S
UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

#5 IN CANADA

FOR FACULTIES OF EDUCATION (QS)

#81 OUT OF 800+

EDUCATION FACULTIES (QS)

\$1.8M+

IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NEW
AND CONTINUING STUDENTS

2,800+

CURRENT TEACHER EDUCATION
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

THE LARGEST

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHER
EDUCATION PROGRAM IN CANADA



THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Faculty and Facilities

Established in 1942, we are proud to hold the title of Canada's first Faculty of Education. Today, we are one of the largest education faculties in the country, with four teaching areas and one school: Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Educational Policy Studies, Educational Psychology, and the School of Library and Information Studies.

As one of the largest faculties of Education in the country, we are able to offer a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs to fit the needs of our prospective students and the demands of various educational contexts.

Deeper Learning

Students can enter our undergraduate programs directly from high school, as transfer students with course credits obtained at another post-secondary institution, or as after-degree students.

In the undergraduate program, you will learn about teaching theory, become an expert in different content areas and complete at least two professional Field Experience terms.

The result? You'll become a professional educator equipped with the tools needed to lead a classroom full of inquisitive minds to a brighter future. Nothing is more rewarding than that!

Teaching with Impact

We are home to award-winning teachers, internationally recognized researchers, educational innovators and community leaders.

Our faculty members provide groundbreaking contributions and both national and global leadership across so many areas — Indigenous peoples education, educational measurement, curriculum and pedagogy, policy development, educational administration and leadership, information ethics, early childhood education, and the appropriate integration of technology with scholarship and teaching.

Serving the Public Good

We discover and mobilize knowledge, engagement with local, national, and international communities, and the education of classroom teachers and other professionals to work in complex, diverse, and changing contexts. Our dedication is about inspiring and transforming communities of practice through teaching, research, service and leadership.

At heart, we are a supportive, welcoming academic community — packed with highly engaged, socially conscious and diverse scholars, students and staff. Our work impacts K-12 students, their families, communities, and partners in education and other professions.

We advance the careers of future researchers, teachers, professionals and policy makers as active and contributing citizens.



DELWILIAH

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Delwiliah is from Neyaskweyahk (Ermineskin) Cree Nation of Maskwacis and is completing her Secondary Education degree in 2023. She is an Indigenous Language Club facilitator on campus and also works with Indigenous youth as a student mentor and motivational speaker. Catch Delwiliah on TikTok as an Indigenous creator!



LIFE IN EDUCATION

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One of the most important decisions I made in my life was coming to the University of Alberta. As a First Nations student, it was challenging walking in two worlds but I always carried my culture with me when I left my community. During this experience I learned that my voice matters and I am needed; Indigenous perspectives, personal experiences, cultures, languages and histories are needed in the classroom. My favourite things to do on campus are going to the First Peoples' House, relaxing in the Quad by the sweetgrass bear, and studying with friends in the Indigenous Students' Union lounge.”

STUDENT CLUBS

Education Students' Association

The Education Students' Association (ESA) is the undergraduate Faculty Association for all Education students at the U of A, as well as Student Local No. 1 of the Alberta Teachers' Association. As a volunteer-based not-for-profit organization, ESA is run by Education students for Education students.

ESA members are motivated to create the best student association possible. We're always striving to further our mandate by:

- Evolving an engaging community for all faculty students
- Providing leadership and a voice for all Education students, both academically and professionally
- Performing valued services and introducing opportunities for student involvement

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION: ELEMENTARY



The Bachelor of Education Elementary program is a generalist program and will prepare you to teach elementary school subjects from kindergarten to grade 6. The program instructs students in diverse subject areas and doesn't require choosing a major or minor. You'll learn about teaching basic concepts and the social education of young learners. Our professors are dedicated to helping our students become the homeroom teachers that children will remember for a lifetime!

The program consists of 120 units of course weight (*120) overall and a minimum of 14 weeks of student teaching. The program is designed to be completed in four years.

Students in Elementary Education take *51 ucw (approximately 17 classes) of "Generalist Elements Courses" from a number of different areas to form their generalist focus – English, Math, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Fine Arts, Physical and Health Education, and Indigenous Histories and Culture. In addition to the Non-Education Elements in Elementary, the program includes education coursework as well as the two practicum terms.

Upon completing the program, students will earn a Bachelor of Education degree (BEd) and be recommended for teacher certification in Alberta.

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION: SECONDARY

Do you love chemical bonding? Passionate about the works of Shakespeare? The Bachelor of Education Secondary program prepares future teachers to pass on their passion for inquiry, discovery and learning. Choose a major and minor specialization in subject areas as diverse as you are – there are over 1,000 major/minor combinations!

We'll prepare you to instruct in two subject areas for students grades 7-12. The program consists of 120 units of course weight (*120) overall and a minimum of 14 weeks of student teaching. The program is designed to be completed in four years.

Students in secondary education take *36 units of course weight (approx. 12 classes) towards their major, while the minor is composed of *18 units of course weight (approx. 6 classes). In addition to the major/minor requirements in secondary, the BEd program includes education coursework as well as the two practicum terms.

Upon completing the program, students will earn a Bachelor of Education degree (BEd) and will be recommended for teacher certification in Alberta.

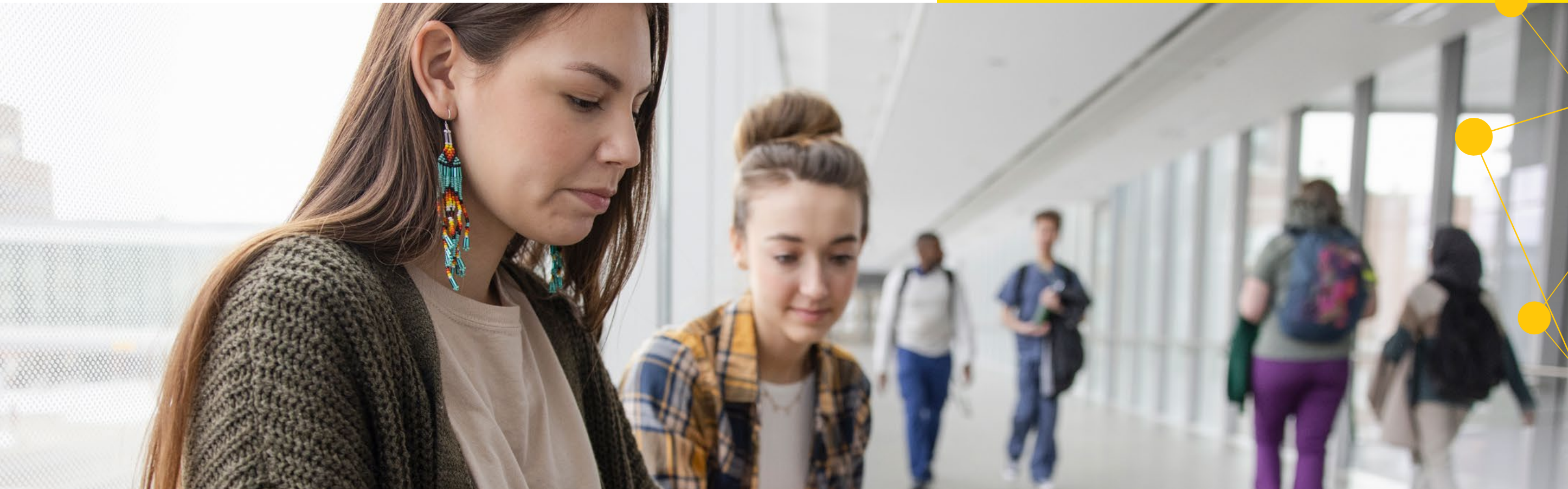
MAJORS & MINORS

Majors

- Art
- Biological Sciences
- Career & Technology Studies (CTS)
 - Communication Arts (not open to direct entry)
 - Computing Science
 - Design (not open to direct entry)
 - Health (not open to direct entry)
 - Human Sciences
 - Media (not open to direct entry)
 - Natural Resources (not open to direct entry)
 - Recreation (not open to direct entry)
 - Trades, Manufacturing, and Transportation
- Chemistry
- Drama
- English Language Arts
- General Sciences
- Mathematics
- Music: Wind Band
- Physical Education
- Physical Sciences
- Physics
- Second Languages
 - Cree
 - French
 - German
 - Japanese
 - Spanish
 - Ukrainian
 - Other
- Social Studies

Minors

- Art
- Biological Sciences
- Career & Technology Studies (CTS)
 - Business, Administration, Finance
 - Communication Arts
 - Computing Science
 - Design
 - Health
 - Human Sciences
 - Media
 - Natural Resources
 - Recreation
 - Trades, Manufacturing, and Transportation
- Chemistry
- Drama
- English as a Second Language
- English Language Arts
- General Sciences
- Health Education
- Indigenous Curriculum and Pedagogy
- Mathematics
- Music: Wind Band
- Physical Education
- Physical Sciences
- Physics
- Religious and Moral Education
- Second Languages
 - Arabic
 - Cree
 - French
 - German
 - Italian
 - Japanese
 - Mandarin
 - Spanish
 - Ukrainian
 - Other
- Social Studies



5-YEAR COMBINED DEGREE

The combined degree programs allow students to do the first two or three years of their undergraduate studies with the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Native Studies, Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation, Faculty of Science, or at the Augustana campus. Remaining years are taken with the Faculty of Education. You get two bachelor degrees in five years!

Students interested in a combined degree must enter the program by applying to the partner faculty first. All admissions inquiries should be directed to the partner faculty.

- Bachelor of Arts (Native Studies) / Bachelor of Education (Elementary Route)
- Bachelor of Arts (Native Studies) / Bachelor of Education (Secondary Route)
- Bachelor of Arts (Drama) / Bachelor of Education (Secondary Route)
- Bachelor of Music / Bachelor of Education (Elementary Route)
- Bachelor of Music / Bachelor of Education (Secondary Route)
- Bachelor of Kinesiology / Bachelor of Education (Elementary Route)
- Bachelor of Kinesiology / Bachelor of Education (Secondary Route)
- Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Education (Secondary Route)
- Bachelor of Science (Augustana Campus) / Bachelor of Education (Secondary)

AFTER DEGREE PROGRAM

The BEd program can also be completed as an after degree, which is designed for students who already hold an approved university degree. You can specialize in elementary or secondary education.

OFF-CAMPUS COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS

Unsure about making the big move to Edmonton? Looking to study in a smaller group setting? We got you! Choose from the Elementary Teacher Education North Program at Northwestern Polytechnic in Grande Prairie, Alberta or the Collaborative Elementary Education Program at Keyano College in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Students enter the program after having successfully completed 60 UCW of transferable course credit at another post-secondary institution, or as an after degree applicant. You will graduate with a University of Alberta Bachelor of Education degree and qualify for teacher certification in Alberta, while staying in your community.



FIELD EXPERIENCES

Learn about all the BEd programs at ualberta.ca/education/programs

ABORIGINAL TEACHER EDUCATION

The Aboriginal Teacher Education Program (ATEP) works toward developing a greater understanding of Aboriginal culture and perspectives on teaching and learning. Improving the educational experiences of Aboriginal children is the goal – by increasing the number of Aboriginal teachers and teachers who choose to study in ATEP. The program enhances understanding of Aboriginal worldviews, knowledge systems, histories, educational experiences, and ways of knowing and being.

ATEP has had tremendous success over the last 21 years, playing a vital and direct role in improving education for Aboriginal children in northern, north eastern, and central Alberta.

In 2020-21, 31 students were enrolled in the program. For 2022-23, over 210 students are taking their ATEP degree! Over 95% of ATEP graduates are currently teaching, working in various leadership roles, or pursuing graduate studies.

Three cohort study options are available to complete your degree: on-campus, distance, and off-campus. For each cohort, students progress together, taking the same courses as their peers. Therefore, each cohort has specific admissions requirements. To be considered for admission, students must meet all entrance requirements and follow all application instructions for the cohort they are applying to.

To learn more, visit: ualberta.ca/atep

This is where theory meets practice – with 14 weeks of supervised student teaching!

All education students participate in field experiences during their studies. On-campus coursework in the first part of the term supports you prior to going out to your placement.

Student teaching is about applying what you have learned in your university courses to a real-life school setting. Merge theory with practice. Develop new skills and strategies, and a professional identity within a school.

Every year, our undergraduates tell us that student teaching was the highlight of their teacher education program!

Introductory Field Experience

The Introductory Field Experience (IFX) consists of an eight-week on-campus seminar, three in-school observation days and a five-week field experience.

Advanced Field Experience

The Advanced Field Experience (AFX) is a nine-week field experience. Once student teachers have gained experience teaching in the IFX, the AFX gives them the opportunity to further develop teaching knowledge and skills.



READY, SET, APPLY!

IMPORTANT APPLICATION DEADLINES

October 1

Applications open for the next Fall admission intake

March 1

Applications close for the Fall admission intake

June 15

Deadline to submit admission documents for post-secondary transfer

August 1

Deadline to submit admission documents for high school

uab.ca/apply

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED GRADE 12 (ALBERTA) ADMISSION SUBJECTS

- English Language Arts 30-1
- Three of the following subjects:
 - Biology 30
 - Chemistry 30
 - Mathematics 31
 - Physics 30
 - Pure Mathematics 30 or Mathematics 30-1/Mathematics 30-2
 - Science 30
 - Social Studies 30-1
 - Aboriginal Studies 30-1
 - Computer Science - Advanced Level CTS (5 credits)
 - 30-level language other than English

One additional subject from Humanities/Social Sciences, Languages other than English, Fine Arts or Maths/Sciences, or Physical Education 30 (5 credits), or 30-level CTS course (5 credits). For more information on subjects visit uab.ca/programs

CASPER TEST

Most applicants applying to the Bachelor of Education program at the University of Alberta are required to complete the Casper test as part of their application for the admission cycle.

The Casper test is a 90-110 minute online, open-response situational judgment test. It is a standardized online assessment of non-cognitive skills, interpersonal characteristics, and personal values and priorities that we believe are important for successful students and graduates of our program. The Casper test will complement the other factors that we use for applicant review and evaluation.

To learn more or to take the test, visit uab.ca/casper

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and we've got advisors.

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