
Career Information for Teacher Education

It is important to understand that employers hire people, not degrees. The skills and knowledge you develop as a result of your education, as well as in your work and community activities, have the greatest impact on hiring decisions. Listed below are some key skills and knowledge you will acquire as a result of your university education and your focus on Teacher Education.

Specific Knowledge Skills

- Knowledge of and preparedness to teach the Ministry of Education curriculum for Ontario
- Ability to use instruction and assessment practices that reflect current research on the process of learning
- Skills to act collaboratively with educational colleagues to improve student learning and school practices
- Ability to use evidence to make decisions related to continually improving the learning of students, your teaching practice and your school
- Awareness of learning and other disabilities as well as psycho-social concerns of children
- Knowledge of procedures, policies and regulations of a school board or educational institution
- Ability to develop learning materials, plan lessons, create instructional presentations and communicate within an educational environment
- Capability to deal effectively with children and adults, resolve or mediate conflicts and promote healthy relationships
- Ability to conceptualize, conduct and facilitate group dynamics
- Ability to instruct and explain ideas clearly with alignment to learning objectives
- Knowledge of classroom management, management of individual student behaviour and discipline skills
- Ability to support a reflective inquiry approach to issues in teaching and the learning experience
- Ability to clearly explain concepts in a variety of ways, ability to adapt learning presentations and materials to individual needs, ability to lead a group of people to accomplish a predetermined goal

Valuable Transferable Skills

Information-gathering and Communication Skills

- The skills required to identify and access a wide range of relevant information and resources
- The ability to compile and organize facts and information and to comprehend and apply new and/or unfamiliar information to different situations and settings
- Skills in preparing interesting, creative and informative presentations which target diverse audiences
- The ability to develop effective reports, presentations and materials using current technology

Thinking, Planning and Organizational Skills

- The ability to learn, understand and interpret information and apply knowledge to new situations
- The ability to set priorities, meet deadlines and effectively plan/manage time, data and resources
- Problem-solving skills and the ability to make well-reasoned decisions, think creatively and search for, identify and consider all sides of an issue
- Skills to effectively analyze and interpret a wide range of information and data to discuss, support and/or reject ideas, opinions, reports, theories and proposals

Teamwork and Management Skills

- Skills enabling you to work effectively as part of a team by identifying your role and contributing, through leading, teaching, motivating and/or encouraging others, to the success of the team
- An understanding of how to successfully identify, plan and contribute to the goals of a project
- The ability to oversee, supervise and/or contribute to a project from beginning to end including determining outcomes, planning details, making decisions, assigning roles and completing tasks

Some Career Options for Teacher Education Graduates

(Additional qualification, education, training or experience may be required)

Administrator	Secondary School Teacher	Environmental Educator
Adult Education Teacher	School Principal	Computer Programmer
Alumni Office Co-ordinator	Supply Teacher	Contract Administrator
Employment Counsellor	Occasional Teacher	Account Representative
Corporate Trainer	Training Consultant	Project Manager
College Instructor	Technical Writer	Health Promotion Educator
Continuing Education Teacher	Resource Teacher	Camp Director/Administrator
Education Officer	Literacy Specialist	Human Resources Specialist
Educational Counsellor	Public Administrator	Museum Education Specialist
Educational Material Designer	Public Relations Specialist	Policy Analyst
Elementary School Teacher	Educational Program Director	Admissions Officer
Journalist	Guidance Counsellor	Community Program Manager
University Liaison Officer	Fundraiser	Consumer Advocate
Librarian	Sports Program Supervisor	Labour Relations Specialist
Researcher	Volunteer Co-ordinator	After-School Program Manager
Special Education Assistant	Human Rights Advocate	Speech Writer
Event Planner	Political Strategist	Informatics Specialist
Child Care Worker	Public Information Officer	Recreational Planner
ESL Teacher	Correctional Officer	Call Centre Trainer
Community Relations Specialist	Development Co-ordinator	Immigration Agent
Corporate Education Liaison	Public Television Consultant	Cruise Ship Education Director
Publisher's Representative	Parks and Recreation Director	Athletic Coach

Potential Employers

Public and Private School Boards	Media Organizations	Social Services Agencies
Non-Profit Organizations	Research Firms	Educational Publishers
Government Organizations	Day Care Centres	Human Resources Departments
Non-Government Agencies	Youth Organizations	Corporations
Camps	Hospitality Industry	Educational Institutions
Libraries/Museums	Health and Sports Organizations	Research Organizations

Selected Teaching Resources and Websites

Teaching in Canada

Education Canada

www.educationcanada.com

Jobs in Education

www.jobsineducation.com

Apply to Education

www.applytoeducation.ca

Canadian Teachers' Federation

www.ctf-fce.ca

Ontario College of Teachers

www.oct.ca

Ontario Ministry of Education

www.edu.gov.on.ca

Aboriginal Canada Portal

www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca

Teaching in Private Schools

Canadian Association of Independent Schools

www.cais.ca

Independent Schools Network

www.learningtogive.org

The Association of Boarding Schools

www.schools.com

Network of International Christian Schools

www.nics.org

Teaching in the USA

Academic Employment Network

www.academploy.com

The Education and Career Center

www.petersons.com

Council of Great City Schools

www.cgcs.org

National Center for Educational Careers

www.usteach.com

Teach for America

www.teachforamerica.org

Visiting International Faculty Program

www.vifprogram.com

Teaching Overseas in International Schools

International Schools Services

www.iss.edu

Overseas Placement Services for Educators

www.uni.edu/placement/overseas

(University of Northern Iowa)

International Knowledge Networks

www.iteachnet.org

International Supply Teachers

www.teachersonthemove.com

The International Educator

www.tieonline.com

International Development Agencies (NGOs)

Canadian Council for International Co-operation

www.ccic.ca

Canadian Bureau for International Education

www.cbie.ca

Canadian International Development Agency

www.acdi-cida.gc.ca

General Information Sites for Overseas Teaching

WorldTeach

www.worldteach.org

Overseas Jobs Express

www.overseasjobs.com

Teaching Jobs Overseas

www.joyjobs.com

The Big Guide to Living and Working Overseas

www.workingoverseas.com/wlu

Teaching English as a Second Language

CEC Network

www.teachingoverseas.ca

TESL Canada

www.tesl.ca

TESOL

www.tesol.org

Teaching as a Career Choice in Ontario

Labour Market:

The Ontario College of Teachers conducts a survey of new teachers each year. Visit www.oct.ca click on 'Publications' and then 'Transitions to Teaching....' to read the most recent Transition to Teaching Report.

Salary Information:

Teacher salaries in Ontario are generally based on a combination of years of post-secondary education and years of experience. In Ontario, teachers' salaries are determined by each board through negotiation with the local teachers' federations. The salaries range from approximately \$42,000 to \$84,000 annually. The increase occurs over a 10 - 13 year period as teachers gain additional qualifications and experience.

For information on salaries and working conditions for public elementary teachers across all Ontario Boards of Education, visit the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario: www.etfo.ca/BargainingandAgreements/comparingagreements/Pages/default.aspx

For information on salaries and working conditions for public secondary teachers across all Ontario Boards of Education, visit the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation: www.osstf.on.ca. Click on 'Careers' and then 'Where to Teach in Ontario'.

What the Career Centre Can Offer You

Career Resource Centre - containing comprehensive information on educational and professional institute programs, occupations, employers, work/study/travel abroad, career planning, job search, employment equity and human rights

Workshops - on career planning, resumé writing, job search, interview skills and further education

Career-related Seminars - focussing on careers related to specific majors and occupations

Individual Assistance - appointments with professional staff to assist in your career/educational planning and job search efforts

Employment Opportunities - Over 2500 employers recruit annually by posting opportunities, conducting interviews on campus and hosting recruiting sessions. Services include a Graduating Student Employment Service for students in their final year of study, a Summer and Part-time Employment Service and an Alumni Employment Service which connects Laurier graduates with employers who have immediate job openings.

Career and Job Fairs - the largest of their kind in the country

RBC Career Transition Program for Students with Disabilities - career development programming and resources