Concurrent Education

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CONCURRENT EDUCATION

Concurrent Education at Queen’s is a program that prepares students who are passionate about teaching and learning to become educators. Con.Ed. grads are caring, critically reflective and dedicated to inclusivity, social justice, collaboration and leadership. They are viewed favourably by school boards and other prospective employers due to their additional field experience in schools and early exposure to issues and policies in education.

Our “ConEddies” are a close-knit group of students who bond during their first four years at Queen’s, through shared activities and leadership opportunities. One of the highlights of the fifth year of the program is the three-week Alternative Practicum, which can be done outside a school setting and anywhere in the world as long as it is related to your area of study. Queen’s also offers travel fellowships to support international practicum placements.

With Queen’s Con.Ed., you will be working on two degrees at the same time – an Honours Bachelor of Arts, Science, Fine Art, Music or Kinesiology, and a Bachelor of Education degree – both from day one! The B.Ed. degree from Queen’s is widely accepted for teacher certification across Canada and around the world. What makes Queen’s grads more marketable is that they will all graduate with a concentration in one subject area, as listed under Degree Options.

A Common START

Queen’s Con.Ed. offers two program options that lead to certification in Primary-Junior (Junior Kindergarten – Grade 6) or Intermediate-Senior (Grades 7 –12). Students select one option at the end of first year.

Your first year of Queen’s Con.Ed. is all about exploring options. You will all take an introductory teaching course and complete practical experience placements in non-traditional educational settings with a focus on those in grades K-8 before choosing your preferred divisions.

Course HIGHLIGHTS

All students take courses about:
• teaching and curriculum
• assessment and evaluation
• professional teaching practice
• equity and inclusivity
• special education
• psychology and philosophy
• social justice

These courses will allow you to critically reflect on how you will practice as an educator.

Degree OPTIONS

Bachelor of Arts / Fine Art / Science / Music (all are Honours programs)

Bachelor of Education
Final Year concentrations may include At-Risk Adolescents and Young Adults / At-Risk Children / Indigenous Teacher Education / Assessment and Evaluation / Exceptional Learners / International Education / Educational Leadership / Educational Technology / Environmental Education / Social Justice / Teaching and Learning Outside of Schools.

We offer optional Final Year Program Tracks in
• Indigenous Teacher Education
• Artist in Community Education
• Outdoor & Experiential Education
• Primary-Junior French as a Second Language

Intermediate-Senior (IS) TEACHING SUBJECTS

Candidates in the IS program option choose two of the following subjects:
• Dramatic Arts
• English
• First Nations, Métis and Inuit Studies
• French as a Second Language
• Geography
• History
• Mathematics
• Music - Instrumental or Vocal
• Science - Biology
• Science - Chemistry
• Science - Physics
• Visual Arts
• Health & Physical Education (for ConEds who begin in Fall 2023)

Queen’s Concurrent Education is a five-year plus one summer term program. Our graduates are out into the job market a year earlier, since most other Ontario Faculties of Education offer their programs over six years with typical fall/winter semesters.


That is a degree from Queen’s.

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The Concurrent Education Major Map offers suggestions for students to customize their academic and career paths. Here’s how to use it:

1. **YOU NEED**
   - **Get the Community Engaged**
     - Join teams or clubs on campus such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Queen’s Get Involved, or Kaleidoscope.
     - Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations.
     - Attend events like Majors Night or get help exploring career options from Career Services.

2. **BUILD SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE**
   - For skills development, visit the Practicum Office webpage or the Limestone District School Board.
   - For information on pursuing education, attend the Queen’s Conference on Education.

3. **ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY**
   - Volunteer for Kaleidoscope or the Limestone District School Board.
   - Attend or volunteer at the Queen’s Education Student Association event.

4. **GET THINKING GLOBALLY**
   - Speak to a QUIC advisor or get involved in international programs and training opportunities.
   - Prepare for work or study in a multi-cultural environment by taking the Intercultural Awareness Training Certificate.

5. **GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**
   - Grapple with program decisions through the My Major Map tool.
   - Explore different career opportunities through the Career Services Information Area.

### 1ST YEAR
- **Take PROF 110 and PRAC 110 (2-week teaching placement).**
- **Take PROF 210 and PRAC 210 (PI) or PRAC 211 (IS) (3-week placement).**
- Enroll in Arts, Science, Fine Art or Kinesiology courses for your chosen Plan, and keep an eye on the requirements for your teaching subjects.

### 2ND YEAR
- **Take PROF 210 and PRAC 210 (PI) or PRAC 211 (IS) (3-week placement).**
- **Consider applying for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF).**
- **Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year.**

### 3RD YEAR
- **Look into summer jobs by talking to your Arts & Science or Kinesiology department or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study.**
- **Get involved with your specific Arts & Science or Kinesiology department or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study.**
- **Consider getting certifications for Teaching English as a Second Language.**

### 4TH YEAR
- **Make sure you are completing all Arts & Science or Kinesiology Education requirements this year.**
- **Assess what experience you're lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships - check out the Career Services skills workshops for help.**

### 5TH OR FINAL YEAR
- **Choose a concentration, and we will preload you into this and your other courses.**
- **Investigate job search strategies or continuing your education goals.**

### Employability skills
- Knowledge of educational theories and practices
- Ability to develop learning materials and lesson plans
- Interpersonal skills to help you understand group dynamics and resolve or mediate conflicts
- Oral and written communication, including how to give instructional presentations
- Ability to manage a classroom and the behavior of individual students
- An understanding of learning disabilities, physical disabilities and other factors that influence learning
- Knowledge of ethics guidelines

### Where could I go after graduation?
- In addition to teaching in elementary and secondary schools:
  - Children’s Services
  - Communications, media, and publishing
  - Curriculum development
  - Education requirements this year.
  - Potential school boards for practicum placement this year. You will choose three potential school boards for practicum placement in April before you begin Final Year. View Final Year requirements here.

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Why study in Kingston?

For 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen’s has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen’s has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research-intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core, just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen’s – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

Queen’s ADMISSIONS

Students apply either to Queen’s Concurrent Education Arts (QB), Concurrent Education Science (QF), Concurrent Education Fine Art (QTT), Concurrent Education Music (QMM), or Concurrent Education Kinesiology, through the OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre) website. Con-Ed students may also apply to study at the Bader International Study Center (BISC or the Castle) in first year.

Secondary school prerequisites include six 4U and 4M courses, one of which must be English 4U. For QB, a minimum of three 4U courses are required. For QF, Advanced Functions 4U, Calculus & Vectors 4U, plus two of Biology 4U, Chemistry 4U, or Physics 4U must also be completed. For QTT, only two additional 4U courses are required. Art is recommended but not mandatory, and a Portfolio Examination is required. For QMM, English 4U plus a minimum of three 4U courses are required along with Royal Conservatory of Music (Toronto) levels, and a personal audition, interview, and aural discrimination test. Applicants outside of Ontario may have additional requirements.

Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen’s provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen’s, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen’s wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

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