Concurrent Education

Get to know
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 “Con-Eddies” 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 or Music, 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 placements in Primary, Junior and/or Intermediate settings 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 / Arts in Education / Aboriginal 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
- Aboriginal Teacher Education
- Artist in Community Education
- Outdoor & Experiential Education

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

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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Concurrent Education MAJOR MAP *

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION | BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS | BACHELOR OF ARTS HONOURS | BACHELOR OF MUSIC HONOURS | BACHELOR OF FINE ART HONOURS

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

1ST YEAR
- Take PROF 110. Enroll in PRAC 110 (2-week teaching placement).
- Take PSYC 100. Check your program's Arts, Science, Fine Art or Music major map for first-year courses. If you plan to teach high school, make sure you take the “starter courses” for at least two teaching subjects.
- Choose your teaching subjects and your Arts & Science plan (major) at the end of first year.

2ND YEAR
- Take PROF 210. Enroll in PRAC 210 (PJ or PRAC 211 (JS) (3-week placement).
- Enroll in the Arts, Science, Fine Art or Music courses for your chosen Plan, and keep an eye on the requirements for your teaching subjects.

3RD YEAR
- Take PROF 310. Enroll in PRAC 310 (PJ or PRAC 311 (JS) (3-week placement).
- Continue taking courses to complete your Arts, Science, Fine Art or Music requirements. Make sure you are on track in your Education requirements.

4TH YEAR
- Complete all Arts & Science and Education requirements this year. Apply to graduate on SOLUS.
- If you're planning to apply for an optional Program Track in your final year, prepare your application for December.

5TH OR FINAL YEAR
- Choose a concentration - we will preload you into this and your other courses. If you are in a Program Track, you are already in a concentration.
- Choose three potential boards in April before your final year - you will complete large blocks of practicum in one of these boards (assigned by the Practicum Office).
- View Final Year requirements here.

BUILD SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Join teams or clubs on campus such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Frontier College Queen's Students for Literacy, or Kaleidoscope.
- See the AMIS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas.

ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations.
- Get involved with the Concurrent Education Student Association (CESA).
- Apply to be a "Tutor in the Classroom" with the Limestone District School Board or apply for the Read-A-Lot program.
- Attend the Queen's Conference on Education.

THINK INTERNATIONALLY

Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad.
- Apply in January for a third-year exchange through the International Programs Office.
- Consider getting certifications for Teaching English as a Second Language.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Grapple with program decisions! Go to Majors Night or get some help exploring career options from Career Services.
- Make an appointment with the Concurrent Education Advisor to discover how your chosen major will work with your Con-Ed requirements!

Employability skills
Your time at Queen’s will give you valuable skills to boost your employability, including:
- 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
- Community development
- Consulting
- Counseling and guidance
- Curriculum development
- Educational technology
- Human resources
- International development
- Librarian
- Outdoor education
- Public administration and public relations
- Special needs educator
- Speech and language therapy
- Teaching – adult, college, early childhood education, and ESL

The coronavirus pandemic may impact how some activities are delivered in 2020-2021. Please check directly with the host of any activity on the map for the latest information.

*some careers may require additional training. Careers are suggestions only.
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MAJOR MAP

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), or Concurrent Education Music (QMM) 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.

How to use this map

Use the five rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don’t have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.

Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (such as a 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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