“Earning a master of science in education degree from Niagara University was among the very best professional development experiences of my career. The education program combines an excellent theoretical base with a schoolbased focus. Networking with colleagues in the program continues to this day, with at least five of us from our small cohort currently in the role of superintendent. I highly recommend it.”

Director of Education
Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board

“Niagara University, with its innovative education program and passionate and inspirational instructors and faculty members, has provided me with an experience distinct from any other teaching program I had researched and considered. I attribute my success in securing a permanent teaching position to this highly reputable program that provided me with the knowledge, skills, and unique experiences essential to the teaching profession. I invite anyone truly serious about teaching to apply to this program!”

Grace Diliddo, ’08
Special Education Teacher
York Catholic District School Board

“We have hosted many teacher candidates from Niagara University’s program. Candidates demonstrated enthusiasm, professionalism and an eagerness to learn with full participation in all classrooms and school activities. The candidates, themselves, speak for the program!”

Laura Sawicky
Principal, St. Benedict C.S.
Markham, Ontario

“Niagara University’s partner schools we appreciate the enthusiasm and energy exhibited by Niagara’s teacher candidates. We enjoy the opportunity to help shape the future of our profession and are looking forward to this continuing partnership.”

Anthony Ricchetti
Principal, H.J. Alexander Community School
Toronto, Ontario

“We have had teacher candidates from Niagara University placed at St. Joseph’s Morrow Park for the past several years. The candidates bring energy and enthusiasm to our community, as well as, practical application of teaching strategies in their classroom placements. The Niagara candidates become part of our community participating in school/staff events.”

Anita Bartolini
Principal, St. Joseph’s Morrow Park H.S.
Toronto, Ontario

“The professors at Niagara gave me the theoretical framework to understand the students, classes, and situations I would encounter as a teacher. Coupled with the hundreds of placement hours I received through this program, I am confident in my abilities and comfortable in my first teaching situation. Niagara definitely gave me a great head start in my career in education!”

John Wiskin, ’10
Teacher, York Region District School Board

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  - Junior: Grade 4 – Grade 6

- **Secondary Certification: Intermediate-Senior**
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**Why You Should Choose Niagara University in Ontario**

Thousands of Ontario teachers and administrators have graduated from Niagara University. Numerous Ontario school boards have Niagara University practicum placements, with even more participating in the recruitment of graduates.

Niagara University in Ontario offers:
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- Accreditation by the Ontario College of Teachers for teacher education program
- A proven record of quality programs in education
- Extensive practical field experience
- Full-time doctoral faculty with extensive leadership experiences and knowledge of curriculum, assessment, and policy in the province of Ontario
- Programs based on current data, theory, and research
- Convenient on-site classes in the Greater Toronto Area

**Additional Qualifications**

Niagara University is firmly committed to ongoing professional learning and is pleased to provide Additional Qualifications courses for teachers to expand and enhance their skills and qualifications and to undertake professional development in core areas as well as three-part specialist qualifications for teachers who aspire to be curriculum leaders in their schools. Additional Qualifications courses provide teachers the opportunity to focus on curriculum design and delivery, leadership in design and delivery of programs and to prepare for leadership positions as coordinators for particular courses/programs.

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For more than 150 years, Niagara University has provided outstanding educational opportunities to thousands of undergraduate and graduate students from all walks of life. A Catholic liberal arts institution founded by the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians), Niagara is a uniquely values-centered university with top accreditations in our academic programs, serving more than 3,500 students in more than 50 fields of study.

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