Bachelor’s Degree Program
Ontario Teacher Education

Program Offered:

B.Ed - Primary-Junior or Intermediate-Senior Teacher Preparation

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What are the programs offered?

**Elementary certification:** *Primary-Junior* (Primary: Junior Kindergarten - Grade 3 / Junior: Grade 4 - Grade 6)
Upon completion of the program graduates will hold a Bachelor of Professional Studies degree in Teacher Education.

**Secondary certification:** *Intermediate-Senior* (Intermediate: Grade 7 - Grade 10 / Senior: Grade 11 - Grade 12)
Upon completion of the program graduates will hold a Bachelor of Professional Studies degree in Teacher Education.

Where will the Niagara University in Ontario programs be located?

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Is Niagara University in Ontario a recognized institution?
Yes, Niagara University in Ontario holds written consent under the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Is Niagara University in Ontario accredited by the Ontario College of Teachers?
Yes, Niagara University in Ontario is accredited by the Ontario College of Teachers.

Is the entire program taken in Ontario?
Yes, all coursework, field experiences, and practica will be completed in Ontario.

How long is the Niagara University in Ontario program and when will it start?
Both the Elementary and Secondary programs will be four semesters long and take 2 years to complete.

Semester 1: Fall (September - December)
Semester 2: Spring (January - May)
*Summer Off*
Semester 3: Fall (September - December)
Semester 4: Spring (January - May)

(Practicum placements are not available in the summer; therefore you do not attend in the summer).
When can I apply to the program?

We have a rolling admissions policy. You can apply to the program at any time and we continue to accept qualified applicants until the program is full. We encourage all applicants to begin the online application process as soon as possible, ensuring time to complete all application requirements. Applications will be accepted starting in December.

What is the curriculum design of the program?

1st Semester: Foundations  
2nd Semester: Methods / Pedagogy  
3rd Semester: Practicum  
4th Semester: Practicum

What is the field experience requirement of the program?

Field experiences are designed to provide practical experience in various types of schools, learning environments, grade levels (as they apply to the certificate), and in the diversity of the student population in the classrooms. Field experiences can be accomplished in Public or Catholic school boards or a combination of both. Niagara University in Ontario field experiences exceeds those that are required by The Ontario Ministry of Education. The following field experiences are embedded into the program:

1st Semester: Pre-service Field Experiences  
2nd Semester: Teaching Assistantship  
3rd Semester: Practicum  
4th Semester: Practicum

Intermediate/Senior students will have placements in both content areas of their two teachables.

I have heard the program at Niagara University in Ontario is a cohort-based program. What is a cohort-based program?

Cohort-based programs are programs in which candidates attend courses and field experiences as a specific group earning their degrees together in a professional learning community. A cohort approach takes a diverse group of students and builds them into a community of teacher-learners by structuring their class schedules together and by teaching them in a way that emphasizes collegiality. The learning of each individual will assist the learning of others; the accomplishments of one should help all. This adds to the peer support that candidates experience within their group while at Niagara University, in field experiences, student teaching and later as alumni.

The model is based on a set of principles known as constructivism in which the program is built on the sound research base of cooperative learning and is consistent with recent findings on successful professional growth projects. It provides a laboratory of meaningful interaction and offers the opportunity to develop professional dispositions and leadership skills on a daily basis. Further, the program utilizes team strategies drawn from the business and athletic worlds and fuses them into a collaborative school faculty. Candidates and professors alike find cohort-based programs to be a positive and dynamic learning experience.

Do I get to pick my schedule?

No, since the program is cohort based, your schedule is assigned.
How many days a week is the program?
Classes will be held 4 – 5 days per week, including field experiences.

How many credit hours is the program?
60 credit hours

What is the cost of tuition for the program?
The total cost for the program (60 credits over 4 semesters) is approximately $29,520 CA.

Besides tuition, are there any additional fees?
There is a $25 registration fee for each semester, a Chalk and Wire electronic portfolio fee of $46 per year, and a $75 graduation fee.

Where can I find more information and upcoming events?
More information pertaining to Niagara’s teacher education program can be found online at www.niagara.edu/ontario-teacher-certification
It is highly recommended that you attend an informational session. More informational sessions, both in Ontario and on the NU Campus, will be coming up soon. Times, dates, locations, and registration information can be found at www.niagara.edu/gradevents

Is a Bachelor's Degree required to apply?
Yes, a Baccalaureate Degree from an accredited college or university is required for admissions. The degree conferred needs to be posted on the official transcript.

What if I am “in progress” with a scheduled graduation date?
Individuals who have not completed a bachelor’s degree and are currently “in progress” with a graduation date planned before the start of Niagara University’s program need to indicate this on their application. Also, an official letter from the college / university should be submitted to verify your planned graduation date. The “in progress” letter is provided by the registrar or academic department.

Please submit with your application the “in progress” letter and a current transcript showing classes you are currently enrolled in. A final transcript will be required once your degree is conferred and posted.

Do I need prior volunteer experience to be considered for the program?
Niagara University in Ontario highly recommends engaging in experiences with children and adolescents but does not require it. Any time spent working with children and adolescents is valuable and certainly a great way to gain classroom experience. Please note any experience on resume and/or experience profile.

What credit system does Niagara University in Ontario use?
Niagara University in Ontario is on the three credit hour system. Three credit hours equal .5 credit / half year course. Many Canadian courses are full year, which would equate to 6 credit hours. Six full year courses (or 12 half credits) would equate to 36 college / university credit hours.
Will I be certified to teach in Ontario after completing the program?

Niagara University in Ontario holds written consent under the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and is accredited by the Ontario College of Teachers. Upon completion of Niagara University in Ontario’s program, official transcripts of coursework will be sent to the Ontario College of Teachers by the Niagara University College of Education. As with all Ontario universities, teacher candidates apply to the Ontario College of Teachers for a Certification of Qualifications.

How many credits in my 1st teachable and 2nd teachable do I need if I want to teach Secondary?

The first specific teachable area requires 6 full year courses (36 credits / units). The second teachable area requires 3 full year courses (18 credits / units). Two teachables are required for the Niagara University in Ontario program.

What are the Ontario Teachables for Secondary Education that Niagara University offers?

- Business Studies- Accounting
- Business Studies- Entrepreneurship
- Business Studies- General
- Business Studies- Information and Communication Technology
- Computer Studies
- Dramatic Arts
- Economics
- English
- French as a 2nd Language
- Geography
- History
- International Languages

- International Languages- Spanish
- Mathematics
- Politics
- Religious Education
- Science- Biology
- Science- Chemistry
- Science- General
- Science- Physics
- Social Sciences – General
- Visual Arts
What materials do I need to apply?

www.niagara.edu/ontario-bps-apply

Niagara University’s graduate education application process is self managed. Please submit online application and ALL application materials:

1. Niagara University Teacher Certification Application - **Online**
   available online - [www.niagara.edu/ontario-bps-apply](http://www.niagara.edu/ontario-bps-apply)

2. $30.00 Application Fee - **Mailed**
   Check or money order payable to Niagara University

3. Official Transcripts - **Mailed**
   Official transcripts of all colleges and universities attended in a sealed institution envelope
   *If you have not yet graduated and/or your degree has not been conferred, please enclose an in-progress letter.

4. Two References - **Online (or Mailed)**
   Academic, Professional, and/or Volunteer
   *After submitting your online application, you will be able to directly email your references to request a recommendation.

5. Statement of Intent - **Online**
   Two-page, double-spaced, typewritten statement discussing your academic and/or research background, your career goals, personal philosophy, and how Niagara University’s graduate program will help you meet your career and educational goals.
   *Please include your name at the top of this uploaded document.

6. Resume and/or Experience Profile - **Online (Optional)**
   Resume and/or profile including all professional experiences relating to the intended field of study
   *To be uploaded in the same document as your Statement of Intent.

   - Applicants with a GPA of less than 3.0/B may be required to attend an interview designed to examine the student's career goals, personal readiness for their program, multicultural sensitivity and awareness, personal dispositions and decision-making skills, and/or provide a writing sample.

   - A degree evaluation by WES ([www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org)) is required for applicants who have obtained a degree outside of the United States or Canada. Please select the comprehensive course-by-course report.

   - For individuals whose native language is not English, a language proficiency examination is required. Please visit [www.niagara.edu/toefl-requirements](http://www.niagara.edu/toefl-requirements) for more information. Niagara waives this examination requirement for students scoring 600+ on the GRE/GMAT.

Remember to submit ALL application materials.
Materials marked “Mailed” can be sent to:

Niagara University
Teacher Education Admissions Office
Academic Complex – Room 225
Niagara University, New York 14109-1930
# Program Requirements

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- **15 credits** – Five ½ courses
  - EDU 423 Foundations of Education
  - EDU 430 Methods of Teaching Elementary Education
  - EDU 436 Human Development
  - EDU 439 Students with Exceptional Needs
  - EDU 448 Foundations of Literacy

### Professional Education Courses:
- **15 credits** – Five ½ courses
  - EDU 431 Methods of teaching Math and Science (3 credits)
  - EDU 432 Methods of teaching the Arts/Health &PE (3 credits)
  - EDU 433 Methods of teaching SS and LA (3 credits)
  - EDU 451 Assessment of Learning
  - EDU 598 Instructional Technology

### Professional Education Courses:
- **15 credits** – Three ½ courses and 6 credit hours practicum
  - EDU 595 Introduction to Educational Research
  - ECE 425 - Methods and Materials for Early Learning
  - EDU 495 Professional Seminar in Elementary Education
  - EDU 447 Primary Practicum (6 credits)

### Electives - 2 Separate Choices
- EDU 690 Foundations of Catholic Education
- EDU 476 Language Arts Integration
- EDU 228 – Multicultural Education
- Math for Elementary Teachers
- Assistive Technology

### Field Experience:
- **Learn & Serve experience**
  - 75 hours
  - Aligned to grade levels of certification area
  - Students commit to the hours on their own with their host teachers

### Field Experience:
- **Teaching assistantship**
  - Two – 37.5 hour placements (tied to methods courses)
  - Placements are aligned to different grade levels in the range of the certificate area

### Field Experience:
- **Practicum**
  - (Minimum 10 weeks)
  - Placement represents one of two grade levels in the range of certification area

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- EDU 452 Middle Childhood Philosophy and Practice  
- EDU 46x Specific Teachable I (I/S)  
- EDU 46y Specific Teachable II (I/S)  
- EDU 598 Instructional Technology | - EDU 228 Multicultural Education  
- EDU 495 Professional Seminar in Intermediate/Senior Education  
- EDU 445 Seminar in Intermediate/Senior Practicum (6 credits)  
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- EDU 447 Intermediate/Senior Practicum (6 credits) |

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Where is Niagara University’s Main Campus located?

Niagara University’s New York campus is located in the Town of Lewiston, New York. It stands atop the picturesque Niagara River Gorge five miles from the world famous Niagara Falls and overlooks the Province of Ontario, Canada. The Queenston – Lewiston Bridge is only one mile from Niagara University. Niagara University was founded in 1856.