



**UNIVERSITY
OF ALBERTA**



FACULTY OF
EDUCATION

VIEWBOOK 2025-2026

WE ARE

in awe of the power of education to change lives. It's why we are dedicated to preparing the next generation of teachers, scholars and leaders to take hold of opportunity – and transform it for a better tomorrow.



Education students walking to class at the U of A.
Photo by: Christy Dean



#3 IN CANADA
2023 MACLEAN'S
UNIVERSITY RANKINGS



#7 IN CANADA
FOR FACULTIES OF EDUCATION (QS)



#80 OUT OF **800+**
EDUCATION FACULTIES (QS)



\$1.8M+
IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NEW
AND CONTINUING STUDENTS



2,800+
CURRENT TEACHER EDUCATION
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS



THE LARGEST
UNDERGRADUATE TEACHER
EDUCATION PROGRAM IN
CANADA WITH OVER 45,000
GRADUATES

Territorial Acknowledgement

The University of Alberta acknowledges that we are located on Treaty 6 territory, and respects the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.

THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION



Faculty and Facilities

When you join the University of Alberta's Faculty of Education, you are joining one of the world's top faculties of education.

A degree from our faculty means your credentials will be recognized worldwide.

Established in 1942, we are proud to hold the title of Canada's first Faculty of Education. Today, we are one of the largest education faculties in the country.

Deeper Learning

Students can enter our undergraduate programs directly from high school or as transfer students with course credits obtained at another accredited post-secondary institution, or as after-degree students.

In the undergraduate program, you will:

- Learn about teaching theory
- Become an expert in different content areas
- Complete at least two professional Field Experience terms

The result? You'll become a professional educator equipped with the tools needed to lead a classroom full of inquisitive minds to a brighter future. Nothing is more rewarding than that!

Teaching with Impact

We are home to award-winning teachers, internationally recognized researchers, educational innovators and community leaders.

Our faculty members provide groundbreaking contributions and leadership across many areas including Indigenous peoples education, educational measurement, curriculum and pedagogy, policy development and more.

Serving the Public Good

We discover and mobilize knowledge, engagement with local, national and international communities and the education of classroom teachers and other professionals to work in complex, diverse, and changing contexts. Our dedication is about inspiring and transforming communities of practice through teaching, research, service and leadership.

At heart, we are a supportive, welcoming academic community – packed with highly engaged, socially conscious and diverse scholars, students and staff. Our work impacts K-12 students, their families, communities and partners in education and other professions.

We advance the careers of future researchers, teachers, professionals and policy makers as active and contributing citizens.

University of Alberta students lounge at the social staircase, located in the Central Academic Building.

LIFE IN EDUCATION



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When I started university in 2020, all my courses were online, and I felt I was missing out on the true university experience. When classes moved back in-person, getting involved on campus and pursuing opportunities to take my learning outside of the classroom was a priority.

I am grateful to be involved in the U of A Ambassador Program and the Student Advisory Committee on campus, which have allowed me to become part of the greater campus community.

As I prepare to start my first teaching practicum, I feel extremely lucky to have been influenced by so many amazing people I have met through extracurricular activities. My advice to incoming students is to get involved. It may seem scary at first, but I promise it is worth it!”

KATIA

4th year, Combined Bachelor of Kinesiology and Bachelor of Education Student

Education Students' Association

The Education Students' Association (ESA) is the undergraduate faculty association for all education students at the U of A, as well as Student Local No. 1 of the Alberta Teachers' Association. As a volunteer-based, not-for-profit organization, ESA is run by education students for education students.

ESA members are motivated to create the best student association possible. We're always striving to further our mandate by:

- Evolving an engaging community for all faculty students
- Providing leadership and a voice for all Education students, both academically and professionally
- Offering PD and networking workshops with the ATA, Alberta Education and various school boards



A group of students studying at Rutherford North Library.

Students now have the option to spend their first two years of study in the BEd Elementary program at the Augustana Campus in Camrose and the final two years at the North Campus in the Faculty of Education.

Bachelor of Education: Elementary

Elementary Education prepares teachers to teach all subjects to children at the elementary school level, from kindergarten through grade 6.

You will:

- Learn about teaching basic concepts and the social education of young learners
- Participate in a minimum of 14 weeks of student teaching
- Become the homeroom teacher that children will remember for a lifetime

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Bachelor of Education: Secondary

The Bachelor of Education Secondary program prepares future teachers to pass on their passion for inquiry, discovery and learning to students in grades 7 to 12.

You will:

- Choose a teachable major and minor from over 1,000 combinations
- Participate in a minimum of 14 weeks of student teaching
- Become the teacher that children will remember for a lifetime

Majors and Minors

Majors:

- Art
- Biological Sciences
- Career & Technology Studies (CTS)
 - Communication Arts*
 - Computing Science
 - Design*
 - Health*
 - Human Sciences (Nutrition or Fashion/Textile)
 - Media*
 - Natural Resources*
 - Recreation*
 - Trades, Manufacturing and Transportation
- Chemistry
- Drama
- English Language Arts
- General Sciences
- Mathematics
- Music: Wind Band
- Physical Education
- Physical Sciences
- Physics
- Second Languages
 - Cree
 - French
 - German
 - Japanese
 - Spanish
 - Ukrainian
 - Other
- Social Studies

**not open to direct entry*

Minors:

- Art
- Biological Sciences
- Career & Technology Studies (CTS)
 - Business, Administration, Finance
 - Communication Arts
 - Computing Science
 - Design
 - Health
 - Human Sciences
 - Media
 - Natural Resources
 - Recreation
 - Trades, Manufacturing and Transportation
- Chemistry
- Drama
- English as a Second Language
- English Language Arts
- General Sciences
- Health Education
- Indigenous Curriculum and Pedagogy
- Mathematics
- Music: Wind Band
- Physical Education
- Physical Sciences
- Physics
- Religious and Moral Education
- Second Languages
 - Arabic
 - Cree
 - French
 - German
 - Italian
 - Japanese
 - Mandarin
 - Spanish
 - Ukrainian
 - Other
- Social Studies

5-Year Combined Degree

The combined degree programs allow students to do the first two or three years of their undergraduate studies with the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Native Studies, Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation, Faculty of Science or at the Augustana Campus. Remaining years are taken with the Faculty of Education. **You get two bachelor's degrees in five years!**

Students interested in a combined degree must enter the program by applying to the partner faculty first. All admissions inquiries should be directed to the partner faculty.

Combined Degrees (5-Year Programs):

Elementary Route

- Bachelor of Arts (Native Studies) / Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Kinesiology / Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Music / Bachelor of Education

Secondary Route

- Bachelor of Arts (Native Studies) / Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Arts (Drama) / Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Kinesiology / Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Music / Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Science (Specialization) / Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Science (Augustana Campus) / Bachelor of Education

U of A students studying at North Campus.

After Degree Program

The BEd program can be completed as an after degree, which is designed for students who already hold an approved university degree. You can specialize in elementary or secondary education.

Off-Campus Collaborative Programs

Unsure about making the big move to Edmonton? Looking to study in a smaller group setting? We got you! Consider the Collaborative Elementary Education Program at Keyano College in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Students enter the program either after having successfully completed 60 units of course weight of transferable course credit at another accredited post-secondary institution, or as an after degree applicant. You will graduate with a University of Alberta Bachelor of Education degree and qualify for teacher certification in Alberta, while staying in your community.

Alternatively, students now have the option to spend their first two years of study in the BEd Elementary program at the Augustana Campus in Camrose and their final two years at the North Campus in the Faculty of Education.

To learn more, visit: uab.ca/atep



ATEP painting on the 7th floor of Education South painted by Cree artist Jerry Whitehead from the Peter Chapman Band, part of the James Smith Cree Nation in Saskatchewan.

Aboriginal Teacher Education

The Aboriginal Teacher Education Program (ATEP) has had tremendous success over the last 21 years, playing a vital and direct role in improving education for Aboriginal children in Alberta and throughout Canada by increasing the number of Aboriginal teachers.

ATEP enhances understanding of Aboriginal worldviews, knowledge systems, histories, educational experiences and ways of knowing and being. More than 95% of ATEP graduates are currently teaching, working in various leadership roles or pursuing graduate studies.

The ATEP program is a specialized route to a Bachelor of Education (Elementary) or a Bachelor of Education After Degree in Secondary Education, with a major in Indigenous Languages (for fluent Indigenous language speakers).

ATEP offers flexible course offerings in both in-person and online formats, and students can study full-time and part-time to ensure their education fits their lifestyle. To be considered for admission, students must meet the specific entrance requirements and follow all application instructions for the cohort they are applying to.

Education student experiencing immersive virtual reality in Technologies in Education Office. Photo by: Christy Dean



To learn more, visit:

sites.google.com/uAlberta.ca/field-experience

Field Experience

This is where theory meets practice – with 14 weeks of supervised student teaching! All education students participate in field experiences during their studies. On-campus coursework in the first part of the term supports you prior to going out to your placement.

Student teaching is about applying what you've learned in class to a real-life school setting. It involves merging theory with practice, developing new skills and strategies, and building a professional identity within a school.

Every year, our undergraduates tell us that student teaching was the highlight of their teacher education program!

Introductory Field Experience

The Introductory Field Experience (IFX) consists of an eight-week on-campus seminar, three in-school observation days and a five-week field experience.

Advanced Field Experience

The Advanced Field Experience (AFX) is a nine-week field experience. Once student teachers have gained experience teaching in the IFX, the AFX gives them the opportunity to further develop teaching knowledge and skills.

READY, SET, APPLY!

Important Deadlines

March 1

Application deadline
uab.ca/apply

June 15

Deadline to submit admission documents
for post-secondary transfer

August 1

Deadline to submit admission
documents for high school

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Bachelor of Education program is competitive. The high school admission average may vary by year.

High School Requirements

- English Language Arts 30-1
- Choose three:
 - Biology 30
 - Chemistry 30
 - Math 31
 - Physics 30
 - Pure Math 30 or Math 30-1/ Math 30-2
 - Science 30
 - Social Studies 30-1
 - Aboriginal Studies 30-1
 - Computer Science - Advanced Level CTS (5 credits)
 - 30-level language other than English
- Choose one:
 - Humanities/Social Sciences
 - Languages other than English
 - Fine Arts
 - Maths/Sciences
 - Physical Education 30 (5 credits)
 - 30-level CTS course (5 credits)

Transfer Requirements

Applicants with 24-60 transferable post-secondary credits must present a competitive admission grade point average. Students with 9-24 credits must present a combination of high school requirements and a competitive admission grade point average.

Casper Test

Most applicants applying to the Bachelor of Education program at the University of Alberta are required to complete the Casper test as part of their application for the admission cycle.

The Casper test is a 90-110 minute online, open-response situational judgment test, completed in two sections: video responses and typed responses. It is a standardized online assessment that measures aspects of your social intelligence and professionalism (such as ethics, empathy, problem-solving and collaboration) that we believe are important for successful students and graduates of our program. The Casper test will complement the other factors that we use for applicant review and evaluation.

To learn more or to take the test, visit uab.ca/casper

For more information visit:

uab.ca/education

Programs and admission requirements
(including non-direct entry programs):

uab.ca/programs

Historical admission averages by faculty:

uab.ca/averages

Apply for scholarships & awards:

uab.ca/awards

University access program for Indigenous
students - Transition Year Program:

uab.ca/typ



Education students at the 4th floor student lounge
in Education Centre North.





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ASK US

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We've got advisors.
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