

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

The Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies (GCES) is a four-course experience designed to meet the needs of educators.

Through the certificate, you will:

- *Deepen and extend knowledge and skills in your specialized area of focus*
- *Apply educational research to improve your professional practice and to drive school improvement*
- *Devise and sustain arguments and solve problems related to your educational context*
- *Collaborate with other educational professionals to build personal and collective professional capabilities and expertise*
- *Build capacity to support learner success in your educational setting*
- *Communicate information, ideas, and solutions to non-specialist audiences*

## APPLICATION DEADLINES:

**Varied - depending upon the disciplinary focus area.**

For more information:  
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## Rise to the challenges and opportunities of 21<sup>st</sup> century education.

The Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies is for teaching professionals and other educational specialists seeking advanced professional education. The program consists of four-courses (12 credits) centered on specific areas of disciplinary focus such as early childhood, technology and Indigenous education.

The Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies is a cohort-based, part-time, varied-delivery program that suits your schedule and timelines.

## THE PROGRAM

The GCES consists of 4 courses. Current cohorts include:

- Contemporary Literacy Education K-9
- Early Childhood Education
- Futures of Education
- Indigenous Education
- Leadership and Mentoring
- Learning Design in Postsecondary Education
- Mathematics Education
- Structured Literacy & Reading Science
- Teaching Students with Significant Disabilities
- Technology in Education
- Trauma-Sensitive Practice

Other cohorts can be developed based on need.

*The Graduate Certificate may be laddered into some M.Ed. Programs (see reverse).*

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Four-year baccalaureate degree (or equivalent) from a recognized academic institution and a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- Two years of teaching experience.
- English Language Proficiency (*more information on website*).



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# Laddering a Graduate Certificate into the Master of Education in Educational Studies (MES)



A [Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies \(GCES\)](#) or [Graduate Certificate in School Leadership \(GCSL\)](#) from the University of Alberta provides students with up to 12 credits in advanced standing in the MES program\*. Students admitted with one of the two approved graduate certificates will follow this **tentative** program plan (subject to change):

## Tentative Schedule – General Cohort\*\*



## Courses to Complete the M.Ed.

### **EDU 510 Fundamentals of Educational Research**

Students learn how to understand and apply educational research to educational problems. Specific focus on conceptualizing methods of educational research to specific and individual educational sites and issues.

### **EDU 514 Planning for Educational Change**

Students learn how educational research can enhance educational change toward school improvement and focus on the creation of a site-based research proposal, which utilizes appropriate research methods.

### **EDU 515 Conducting Educational Research**

Students complete a supervised research assignment specific to their educational context. They will develop and apply knowledge and skills related to data collection, data analysis techniques and research report presentation.

### **EDU 900 Program Synthesis**

A reflection and synthesis of learning from the Master of Education in Educational Studies in relation to the concepts of school/educational improvement that are the foundations of the program.

### **Plus two graduate-level electives**

*Note: Electives must be taken prior to taking EDU 900, unless permission has been received from the department for an altered course of study. Professional Learning offers a variety of electives; check the [website](#) for current offerings, or contact us to determine if the elective you want to take is approved for the program.*

### **Other Laddering Options**

The GCES and GCSL can also ladder into the [M.Ed. Elementary Education - Curriculum and Pedagogy](#). Contact [essgrad3@ualberta.ca](mailto:essgrad3@ualberta.ca) for more information.

Additionally, the GCSL can ladder into the [M.Ed. in Studies in Educational Leadership](#). Contact [essgrad2@ualberta.ca](mailto:essgrad2@ualberta.ca) for more information.

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*\*Completion of the GCES or GCSL does not guarantee acceptance into any Master's program. Course availability is dependent upon sufficient enrollment.*

*\*\*The schedule of courses is determined on an annual basis. Alternate schedules may be available for future years.*