

 BRANDON UNIVERSITY	Professional Standards Policy (Graduate Studies Program)	Approved by: Education Faculty Council
Faculty of Education Administrative Policy	First Approved: October 2018	Updated: February 2024

1.0 Policy General Purpose

The Faculty of Education is a professional faculty and as such, it is obligated to ensure that students in all Education programs meet the highest academic, ethical, and professional standards. All Faculty of Education graduate students are expected to behave as honest and responsible members of an academic community.

2.0 Policy Guidelines

The standards of professional behaviour outlined below provide direction to faculty and students with respect to academic, ethical, and professional matters. Failure to maintain professional standards, as outlined, in part, in this document, will result in referral to the Professional Standards Committee of the Faculty of Education (Please refer to the [Professional Standards Committee Procedures policy](#)).

2.1 Professional Learning Climate

The Faculty of Education is a professional faculty. Graduate students are expected to:

- i. behave as professionals in coursework and interactions with other students, faculty and partners in professional environments.
- ii. organize their schedules so that they can attend and participate in all classes whether on-campus or at a distance. Participation in class activities may be considered in the assigning of a grade. (General Calendar 4.2.1)
- iii. produce work that is on-time, of high quality and meets the criteria outlined by instructors.
- iv. discuss any absences with instructor prior to the absence, or if unable to do so, immediately after the absence. (General Calendar 4.2.1)
- v. diligently follow academic regulations governing academic study and research and be familiar with the academic dishonesty policies. (General Calendar 4.2.2)
- vi. adhere to copyright laws and regulations.
- vii. interact respectfully with faculty and other students in the class.

2.2 Academic Integrity

A Faculty of Education graduate student is expected to maintain academic and intellectual integrity in their program. Brandon University's General Calendar outlines the Academic Integrity Policy. (See 3.11 Graduate Calendar)

The full Academic Integrity Policy, including definitions of academic integrity's fundamental values, examples of activities that depart from academic integrity, and processes

undertaken in cases of suspected departures from academic integrity, is available at Senate Policies | Senate Office (brandonu.ca)

2.3. Academic Standards

Students must attain a grade of B or above to receive credit in the program for graded courses.

2.4. Professional Standards

Students are obligated to act with integrity and diligence in carrying out their professional responsibilities. Behaviour and conduct in relation to others should be characterized by consideration, respect, and good faith. The same professional standards are required of students who are taking courses but not registered in a graduate program (Nil) and students who are applying into the program. Nil students or applicants who do not meet the professional standards may be denied access to the program.

Students may be required to withdraw from the Graduate Education program if they:

- 2.4.1 compromise their professional judgment through self-interest or a conflict of interest;
- 2.4.2 demonstrate exploitive, destructive, or injurious behaviour or conduct with respect to students and/or teachers in schools, colleagues, faculty or staff or members of the public;
- 2.4.3 are impaired by substance abuse while participating in any activity related to the graduate education program recognizing that reasonable accommodation for the special needs of individuals is required by the Manitoba Human Rights Code;
- 2.4.4 are charged or convicted of a criminal offence which is of such a nature as to place in question their fitness for the education profession.
- 2.4.5 engage in behaviour contrary to university professional and ethical regulations and policies, and/or the professional codes of conduct expected of educational professionals.

3.0 Scope of the Policy

Applies to all Graduate students in Faculty of Education programs.

4.0 Definitions

None

5.0 Reference to Other Policies

The references in this document pertain to Brandon University and/or Senate policies as outlined in the General Calendar and in the Senate Bylaws.

See:

[Graduate Calendar](#)

[Senate Bylaws](#)

6.0 Approval Process
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Procedures

Inquiries may be directed to the Office of the Dean of Education at deanofed@brandonu.ca or (204) 727-9616.