

**Brandon University
Faculty of Education
Master of Education Program**

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Why should teachers enter a Master of Education program?

A Master of Education degree program strengthens the process of continuous professional learning, and remains the best way for teachers (in MB) to receive classification increments. Teachers enrolled in a Master of Education program learn critical pedagogical and administrative skills, in addition to academic skills such as scholarly writing and research design.

2. What program options are available at Brandon University?

Students have the following program options:

i) complete the first M.Ed degree (36 credit hours).

For teachers in Manitoba: the Professional Certification Unit recognizes this for one classification increment.

ii) complete a second M.Ed degree at Brandon University, with additional 24 credit hours (for a total of 60 credit hours). Manitoba Teacher Certification recognizes the second M.Ed for one (1) additional increment. (one's 1st M.Ed. must be from Brandon University in order to be eligible for our 2nd M.Ed.)

3. How much time do students have to complete a graduate program?

Students must complete all Master of Education program requirements within six (6) years of the commencement date of their 1st graduate course registration.

4. What areas of specialization are available in the Faculty of Education at Brandon University for the Master of Education program?

Students may choose from the following specialization areas: Inclusive Education, Curriculum and Pedagogy, Educational Administration, or Guidance & Counselling.

<https://www.brandonu.ca/master-education/graduate-level-programs/>

5. Are students required to write a thesis in the M.Ed?

In the first Master of Education program, students are admitted initially into the course route, however once 15 credit hours (including the 2 core courses: 07:752, and 07:714) have been successfully completed, the student, in consultation with the department chair, may then begin the process to apply for consideration, into the Thesis route for the Master of Education program (as per the approved Master of Education Thesis Protocol available on our website)

6. What is required for Admission to the Master of Education Program?

The annual application and documents deadline for our Master of Education program is March 15th. For those who are new to Brandon University, please note: you must first have applied for & received your 6-digit student number from the Brandon University Central Admissions Office by March 1st, and then continued and applied online to our Master of Education program before the application & documents deadline of March 15th.

Step #1. Apply online to the Admissions Office *only if you do not have an existing Brandon University 6-digit student number* at:

<https://webapp.brandonu.ca/pls/admission/f?p=114:LOGIN:369849276202>

Step # 2. For returning students to Brandon University, or those who are “new” and once you have received a 6 digit student number from the Admissions Office, you may then continue & apply online to our Master of Education program at by March 15th at:

<https://webapp.brandonu.ca/pls/med/f?p=124:101>

When completing our online Master of Education application, you will also need to scan & upload the following:

- a copy of your valid teaching certificate.
- a letter from your employer on letterhead, verifying at least two years of teaching experience.
- an original transcript indicating a grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the B.Ed. degree. (For those that received their B.Ed. degree from Brandon University, this document will upload automatically).
- Résumé or Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Statement of Interest and Sample of Written Work (see our application site for directions).

M.Ed. Application Fee: \$100.00 CDN, due at time of application to our M.Ed., or by mailing a cheque or money order directly to our office after submitting the M.Ed. application online. Please include your 6-digit student number if mailing in your payment.

Letters of Reference: Two letters of reference are required, attesting to candidate's ability to pursue graduate studies (one academic reference, one supervisor reference). At the time of submitting your online Master of Education application, please then send us the names and email addresses of your confirmed referees, via email to: facultyedgrad@brandonu.ca . Our Graduate Studies Office will then forward the confidential reference form directly to each named referee to complete and return via email. In your email to our Graduate Studies office, please be sure to include your full name, 6-digit student number, and the area of specialization that you are applying into.

Please visit our website, for program information, online Master of Education application information, etc. at:

<https://www.brandonu.ca/master-education/admissions/>

7. Can students transfer previous course work into the M.Ed.?

Students may be eligible to transfer up to a maximum of 6 credit hours of "extra" graduate level course work from another university, providing the courses are current (within 6 years), have not been used for credit towards a previous program, are recognized for Brandon University graduate level course equivalency, and approved for credit within the student's program of study.

8. What are the current tuition costs / application fee(s) at Brandon University?

Please visit the registration guide website for current tuition schedules at:

<https://www.brandonu.ca/registration/>

For all students: in addition, a \$350.00 fee is charged annually per student, where applicable, for the BUSU Health and Dental insurance. Contact the B.U.S.U. (Brandon University Student Union) office at 877-469-2509 for information about insurance or for information on their annual "opt-out" or "opt-in" process.

9. Health Insurance for "International" Students only:

International students: Please refer to the following website for Health Insurance information: <https://www.brandonu.ca/international-activities/information-for-international-students/health-insurance/>

10. Application(s) Fees:

The Brandon University Central Admissions Office charges an application fee of \$70.00 (for “new” Canadian students who are applying to Brandon University) and \$140.00 (for “new” International students).

The Faculty of Education Master of Education program requires a one-time / non-refundable application fee “per” degree program of \$100.00 (CDN), to be paid at time of online application to our Master of Education program.

11. Can students take courses through distance delivery?

The Master of Education program continues to increase its focus on alternative course delivery strategies, especially for off-campus students. For distance delivery, courses are offered using a combination of on-line (NET/NT1/NT2/NT3/NT4 = online/distance delivery). In addition, video-conferencing (Zoom or MS Teams) is widely used within our program. While many courses are available on-line or by distance, some still require face-to-face instruction (A10 or A00), such as those in the Guidance & Counselling Master of Education program. In these cases, the required courses are generally scheduled during weekends, allowing off-campus students to more conveniently attend classes. Graduate Courses offered during the Summer Session may also include daytime on-campus classes.

12. What research opportunities are available for graduate students?

With the official launch in November 2008 of the Brandon University Centre for Aboriginal and Rural Education Studies (BU CARES), the Graduate Studies program continues to promote and fund field research for graduate students, where available. Visit the BU CARES web site at www.brandonu.ca/bu-cares/ for more information.

13. What graduate scholarships are available?

Visit the Scholarship link: <https://www.brandonu.ca/scholarships/> for information on available scholarships. In addition, there may be opportunities for substantive provincial and federal scholarships for students in a Thesis route, which are communicated via email to our graduate students as available.

14. How can students receive additional information about the program at Brandon University?

The Graduate Studies website is located at: www.brandonu.ca/master-education/
Currently, the following are available on our website: access to the Graduate calendar (pdf), link to online registration, registration guides, tuition payment, Moodle, BU Library, BUSU Health & Dental Insurance and International Health Insurance information, Office of International Activities, etc.

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