

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

Brandon University Faculty of Education Mission Statement

“Your learning is our passion”

We mentor educators to thrive as caring and engaged innovators in diverse communities.

Brandon University Faculty of Education Vision Statement

Through its undergraduate and graduate programs and community engaged scholarship, the Faculty of Education strives to provide an inclusive, student-centered learning environment that empowers exceptional teachers, researchers, and community leaders. Our focus is on personal, innovative, and authentic education in partnership with the communities we serve.

Brandon University Faculty of Education

Brandon University Faculty of Education aspires:

1. to be a leading, student-centered faculty of choice for students,
2. to engage in innovative research, scholarly and creative activity,
3. to develop learning partnerships with community members including rural, remote, Indigenous and new Canadians, and
4. to promote diversity and inclusive educational opportunities.

Program Specialization Areas

The four specialization areas in Brandon University’s Master of Education Program are:

- Inclusive Education
- Guidance & Counselling
- Educational Administration
- Curriculum & Pedagogy

Pre-Admission Statement of Interest And Sample of Written Work

Applicants are required to submit a Statement of Interest and a Sample of Written Work. Please carefully read and follow the guidelines below. Please include your name and student number.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST: Write a statement of interest (minimum 500 words in length) which includes the following:

- a) **Past Experience:** Describe how your past education, lived professional or other educational experiences have informed your decision to pursue a Master of Education.
- b) **Area of Specialization:** Identify your desired area of specialization (see above) and describe your specific academic interests.
- c) **Future Intent:** Describe how your area of specialization, coursework (www.brandonu.ca/master-education/graduate-level-programs/) and graduate studies in education will inform your professional career and academic growth.
- d) **Alignment:** Consider how your planned program of study and personal learning goals align with Brandon University Faculty of Education Mission Statement, Vision Statement (see above).
- e) **Format:** Use Times New Roman 12-point font with double-line spacing, one-inch margins, and indented paragraphs. Include your full name and 6 digit BU student number at the top of your Statement of Intent.

SAMPLE OF WRITTEN WORK: Submit one sample of your written work that cites academic sources (such as a paper from a previous university course or a professional report) as a Word document or PDF.

Important Notification: The Faculty of Graduate Studies at Brandon University receives many applications each year, and in some applications we encounter incidents of plagiarism. Plagiarism is defined as the use of words or ideas from someone else without giving credit and acknowledging its source. Different countries have very different protocols about appropriate citation and referencing of source material. Many instances of plagiarism by international students are unintentional. At Brandon University actions which constitute academic dishonesty and/or misconduct are considered a serious offence and include: plagiarism, cheating and falsifying records (Refer to section 3.9 of the Graduate Calendar: Academic Dishonesty and Misconduct).

Application Assessment Criteria: Each application will be reviewed taking into consideration the following criteria: a) academic achievement, b) professional educational experience, c) clearly articulated intent for an identified specialization, d) a thoughtful and carefully written application, and e) interests and goals compatible with the Graduate Program at Brandon University.