Letter from the Director

Dear Teacher Candidate,

Thank you for accepting our offer of admission to the University of Ottawa Teacher Education program (BEd). We look forward to welcoming you into our educational community situated on the unceded traditional territories of Algonquin First Nations people. As a teacher, you will have a unique opportunity to make an impact on the daily lives of the next generation of global citizens, either here in Canada or abroad.

Our two-year program focuses on building diverse communities of inquiry during your coursework, Community Service Learning and teaching placements with our partner school boards. Within these settings you will grapple with what it means to become a professional educator while engaging in the complexities of teaching and learning that meets the economic, social, and technological demands of the 21st century. We have internationally acclaimed professors and educational researchers, who are committed to critical and innovative educational theories and practices. The teaching professoriate also includes expert practitioners, whose rich experiences will help you understand contemporary issues and methods used to teach in local classrooms. Moreover, our program prides itself on developing reflective critical practitioners who are committed to making a difference in the world and lives of students.

Please take the time to discover the variety of ways that you can participate in the program through some of our innovative cohort options and professional learning activities.

The BEd program is an intensive 16-month professional teacher education program. During this time you will be expected to participate in both academic and professional activities designed to ensure that you are well prepared to enter the teaching profession. The first step for you is to ensure that you fulfill all the registration requirements.

We look forward to welcoming you in person at our compulsory Orientation Day on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

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