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, which is situated on the unceded traditional territories of Algonquin First Nations people. As a teacher, you will have a unique opportunity to affect 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 through 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 who engages in the complexities of teaching and learning in order to meet the economic, social, and technological needs of the twenty-first century. Our internationally acclaimed professors and educational researchers are committed to critical and innovative educational theories and practices. The teaching professors also include expert practitioners, whose wealth of experience will help you understand contemporary issues and the teaching methods used in local classrooms. Moreover, our program prides itself on developing reflective, critical practitioners who are committed to making a difference in the world and in their students’ lives.

Please take time to explore the various ways that you can participate in the program by reviewing 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 that are designed to prepare you well for the teaching profession. Your first step is to ensure that you complete all the registration requirements.

We look forward to welcoming you in person at our compulsory Orientation Day on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

David Trumpower, PhD
Director of Teacher Education