

Guidelines for Understanding what is an Acceptable Degree for Application to the Consecutive OISE B.Ed. Program

OISE sets requirements for entry to this program pursuant to section 2(14) of the University of Toronto Act, 1971.

Basic Academic Requirement for the Consecutive Bachelor of Education Program at OISE

Prospective candidates must hold an approved degree from a post-secondary institution whose accreditation is acceptable to the University of Toronto with at least a **"B" range average in 15 full-year courses** (or equivalent in half courses). This degree must be conferred not later than the fall convocation in the year of registration at OISE. An approved degree program must include at least 15 full-year courses (or equivalent) beyond Ontario Grade 12 secondary school graduation or graduation from an equivalent secondary program from another jurisdiction (equivalence requires completion of grade 12 and the award of a diploma which will admit the holder to degree-level post-secondary studies).

Description of Acceptable Accreditation

- (a) In Canada a post-secondary institution must be authorised/legislated to grant degrees by an Act of the Legislature of the Province in which the institution is located or by an Act of the Parliament of Canada.
 - (b) In the United States a post-secondary institution must be recognized by one of the following regional accreditation agencies: Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, or Western Association of Schools and Colleges; and is considered to be equivalent to an institution referred to in (a).
 - (c) In a country other than Canada and the United States, a post-secondary institution must be considered to be equivalent to an institution referred to in (a) or (b).
- ◆ For all post-secondary institutions, the accreditation must be current at the time the degree is earned and awarded.
 - ◆ Only degree coursework completed at an accredited post-secondary institution will be used in the calculation of the academic average, which is an important component of the assessment of applications for the consecutive B.Ed. program.

Description of Approved Degree

Length of Study

The requirement that an approved degree must include at least 15 full courses or equivalent means that a degree must represent the completion of at least 3 years of full time degree-level studies beyond the completion of Ontario high school graduation (i.e., grade 12) or its equivalent.

- ◆ A degree program that is less than 3 years in length cannot be used by itself to satisfy our basic academic requirement.

Graduation

The requirement that an approved degree must be conferred not later than the Fall convocation in the year of registration at OISE means that you can apply for admission while you are completing the final courses for your degree, however, you must have completed all requirements for your first degree by the end of the Summer Session prior the start of the consecutive B.Ed. program so that you would be eligible to graduate at your university's fall convocation. Note that the academic evaluation in our admissions process requires that 15 full courses or equivalent be completed prior to the application deadline regardless of when you will graduate.

Transfer Credit

Any post-secondary institution, at its discretion, may grant credit towards a degree program on the basis of studies completed elsewhere which are deemed equivalent in content to degree-level courses offered by the post-secondary institution. This is referred to as transfer credit or advance standing. Frequently, courses are transferred from one accredited post-secondary institution to another. An individual post-secondary institution may also elect to grant transfer credit on the basis of studies completed at institutions that are not considered by OISE to be accredited post-secondary institutions.

- ◆ For the purpose of applying for admission to the consecutive B.Ed. degree program at OISE an "approved degree" can have a maximum of 10 full year courses (or equivalent in half courses) credited from institutions that are not considered by OISE to be accredited post-secondary institutions or from non-degree programs within accredited post-secondary institutions. Any transfer credit of this nature beyond this amount will not be recognized as degree credit in our evaluation of academic standing
- ◆ Transfer credit granted by a post-secondary institution on the basis of Ontario high school credits will not be recognized as degree credit in our evaluation of academic standing.