Become a Teacher with a Master of Teaching Degree

Combined Degree Program Information

The Master of Teaching Combined Degree Program is designed for University of Toronto students interested in studying the intersections of their Bachelor’s degree specialization, coupled with professional teacher preparation. It is a program for people who are looking to become exceptional teachers. We are committed to excellence and the preparation of the next generation of educational leaders. Students with a B+ average and enrolled in pre-identified programs may apply to the Combined Degree program in their third year, and can choose from three program specializations:

- **Primary/Junior** (Kindergarten to grade 6)
- **Junior/Intermediate** (grades 4 – 10)
- **Intermediate/Senior** (grades 7 – 12)

**Academic Program**
You will learn about educational theory and research-informed best practices.

**Practice Teaching**
You will have the opportunity to develop your skills as a teacher in a variety of classrooms and learning situations.

**Graduate Research**
You will be exposed to educational research across a wide variety of educational disciplines and specializations.
THE MASTER OF TEACHING COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAM IS OFFERED WITH THE FOLLOWING UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS:

University of Toronto St. George Campus

- Faculty of Arts and Science: **Students must be enrolled in the Education & Society minor and also major in one of:**
  - English (Major) (H.B.A.)
  - History (Major) (H.B.A.)
  - Mathematics (Major) (H.B.Sc.)
  - Psychology (Major) (H.B.Sc.)
  - Sociology (Major) (H.B.A.)

- Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education
  - Kinesiology (B.Kin.)
  - Physical and Health Education (B.P.H.E.)

- Faculty of Music
  - Music, Stream in Music Education (B. Mus.)

University of Toronto Mississauga

- Astronomical Sciences (Specialist) (H.B.Sc.)
- Biological Chemistry (Specialist) (H.B.Sc.)
- Biology (Major and Specialist) (H.B.Sc.)
- Biology for Health Sciences (Major) (H.B.Sc.)
- Chemistry (Major and Specialist) (H.B.Sc.)
- Comparative Physiology (Specialist) (H.B.Sc.)
- Ecology and Evolution (Specialist) (H.B.Sc.)
- Forensic Biology (Specialist) (H.B.Sc.)
- Forensic Chemistry (Specialist) (H.B.Sc.)
- French Studies (Major and Specialist) (H.B.A.)
- Language Teaching and Learning: French (Major) (H.B.A.)
- Language Teaching and Learning: French and Italian (Specialist) (H.B.A.)
- Mathematical Sciences (Major and Specialist) (H.B.Sc.)
- Molecular Biology (Specialist) (H.B.Sc.)
- Physics (Major) (H.B.Sc.)

University of Toronto Scarborough

- Biochemistry (Major and Major Co-op) (H.B.Sc.)
- Biological Chemistry (Specialist and Specialist Co-op) (H.B.Sc.)
- Chemistry (Major and Major Co-op) (H.B.Sc.)
- Chemistry (Specialist and Specialist Co-op) (H.B.Sc.)
- Environmental Chemistry (Specialist and Specialist Co-op) (H.B.Sc.)
- Environmental Physics (Specialist and Specialist Co-op) (H.B.Sc.)
- French (Major and Major Co-op) (H.B.A.)
- French (Specialist and Specialist Co-op) H.B.A.)
- Mathematics (Major and Major Co-op) (H.B.Sc.)
- Mathematics (Specialist and Specialist Co-op) (H.B.Sc.)
- Physics and Astrophysics (Specialist) (H.B.Sc.)
- Physics and Mathematical Sciences (Specialist) (H.B.Sc.)
The Combined Degree Program allows exceptional students to gain (conditional) access to the graduate program early in their undergraduate studies, clearing a pathway towards the teaching profession. Students who successfully complete the Combined Degree Program, will have earned two University of Toronto degrees (i.e. H.B.A. and MT), and will be recommended to the Ontario College of Teachers for a Certificate of Qualification, which certifies them to teach in Ontario schools.

Visit our website to learn more about our program: www.oise.utoronto.ca/mt

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

✓ Your Year 2 average in your undergraduate program is a minimum of B+ or better.
✓ You have completed 3.0 FCE in your 1st teaching subject.
  o The Business Studies-Accounting subject requires completion of 3.0 FCE in Business Studies, including 1.0 FCE in Accounting.
✓ You have completed 1.5 FCE (B.Kin./B.P.H.E. students must complete 1.0 FCE) in your 2nd teaching subject.
  o French as a Second Language and Science subjects require 3.0 FCE (B.Kin./B.P.H.E. students must complete 2.0 FCE)
✓ Applicants cannot select 2 Music teaching subjects.
✓ Applicants cannot select 2 Business Studies teaching subjects.

Teaching Subject Prerequisite Courses: Upon applying, prerequisite courses for teaching subject consideration are satisfied only by completed courses by the end of the 2nd term in the 3rd year of your undergraduate degree (i.e. Full-Year, Fall Session, and Winter Session courses documented in-progress on the transcript).

APPLICATION STEPS

Apply during your 3rd year of your 4 year Bachelors program at the University of Toronto.

1. Complete the “Personal and Contact Information” section of your online application (SGS) and copy your application number: https://apply.sgs.utoronto.ca

2. Connect with your Faculty contact (below) by November 30, 2018 to indicate your interest.

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3. Your Faculty contact will verify your eligibility (see above) and will notify OISE’s Office of the Registrar and Student Services if you are eligible by December 12, 2018.

4. Your Faculty contact will advise you when to move ahead with your application.
Submit Your Application:
1. Continue your online application and select "Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE)" from the picklist as your graduate unit. Your Faculty contact will advise you on specific program selection fields in the online application.
3. Upload all supporting documents within 7 business days of application fee payment. Refer to the “Experience” section on the next page.

After You Submit Your Application:
1. Your application will be evaluated by the MT Admissions Committee. Final decisions will be forwarded to OISE’s Office of the Registrar and Student Services (ORSS).
2. The ORSS will produce official notification of results.
3. You will receive your results (conditional offer or refusal) at end of April 2019.

EXPERIENCE

Applicants should have sound academic backgrounds, a deep interest in equitable education and socially just practices, as well as previous experience as an instructor, mentor, or tutor. Your experiences might take the form of paid or volunteer work in classrooms, camp counseling, outreach programs at museums, the teaching of religion classes, work as a music instructor, private tutor, for example. You will ideally have experience working with groups of learners, preferably at the age level you wish to teach. Since this is a teaching certification program, you should not apply if you already have teaching qualifications in Canada. (i.e. Ontario College of Teachers certification, Bachelor of Education)

The documentation and evaluation of your experience background will include the following:
- **Resumé**
- **Statement of Intent**
- **Reference Letters (one academic and one professional)**
- **Transcripts from all post-secondary institutions**

You will want to refer to the Master of Teaching “How to Apply” website for detailed information on what we’d like you to include in your documentation:
https://www.oise.utoronto.ca/mt/How_To_Apply.html
If you receive a conditional offer of admission, you will be able to enroll in 2 Master of Teaching graduate elective courses as part of your 4th year of your current undergraduate program. The Master of Teaching program will provide you with a selection of courses to choose from. These electives are designed to complement MT core courses, have strong professional focus, and tend to be taken by in-service teachers and MT students. Course offerings are subject to change from year to year.

In order to continue in the MT program, you must satisfy all conditions of admission:

- Achieving a B+ or better average in your final year or over senior level courses with a minimum B+ average in 1.0 FCE Master of Teaching graduate courses taken in Year 4;
- Completion of 6.0 FCE in your first teaching subject and 3.0 FCE in your 2nd teaching subject.

Note: If French as a Second Language or Science subjects are selected as a 2nd teaching subject, 6.0 FCE are required.

While enrolled in the undergraduate program, your primary contact is your undergraduate program contact or Registrar. When you have satisfied all conditions of admission and are admitted into the Master of Teaching program, the graduate program will assume the role of advising you.

OISE’s Office of the Registrar and Student Services will confirm with you whether the conditions have been met in the summer after graduation (after 4th year). If conditions have not been met, the offer of admission will be cancelled.

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

Admission Inquiries:  
OISE Office of the Registrar and Student Services:  
admissions.oise@utoronto.ca or  
416-978-4300

MT Program Information:  
www.oise.utoronto.ca/mt  
email: mtinfo@utoronto.ca

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A course will be counted as a prerequisite toward your chosen teaching subject(s) if you have completed and received credit for the course or if the course is listed “in progress” on ACORN. Note that the course you are enrolled in must be completed before the start of the Master of Teaching Program.

Master of Teaching Combined Degree Program applicants must satisfy the prerequisites for two teaching subjects irrespective of whether you ultimately intend on registering in the Intermediate/Senior, Junior/Intermediate or Primary/Junior concentration, the Intermediate/Senior prerequisites are listed below. Junior/Intermediate teaching subject offerings can be found at www.oise.utoronto.ca/mt.

### INTERMEDIATE/SENIOR

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<th>• Six full-year university courses in Business Studies, including two full-year courses in Accounting if this is your first choice teaching subject or three full-year university courses in Business Studies, including one full-year course in Accounting if it is your second teaching subject</th>
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<td>DRAMATIC ARTS</td>
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<td>ENGLISH</td>
<td>• Six full-year university courses in English if this is your first choice teaching subject or three full-year university courses if it is your second choice teaching subject</td>
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<td>FRENCH as a Second Language</td>
<td>• Six full-year university courses in French and demonstrated proficiency* in speaking and writing the language *If admissible to the program, applicants who select French as a Second Language as a teaching subject must demonstrate oral and written proficiency in French prior to registering in the program.</td>
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| HEALTH and PHYSICAL EDUCATION | • Six full-year university courses in Health and Physical Education if this is your first choice teaching subject or three full-year university courses if it is your second choice teaching subject  
  o Appropriate courses in Kinesiology may be counted towards this prerequisite. |
| HISTORY | • Six full-year university courses in History if this is your first choice teaching subject or three full-year university courses if it is your second choice teaching subject  
  o Up to 1 full-year course in Political Science, Philosophy, or subject-specific history such as Art History or Music History, may be counted |
| MATHEMATICS | • Six full-year university courses in Mathematics if this is your first choice teaching subject or three full-year university courses if it is your second choice teaching subject  
  o Up to 1 full-year course in Statistics may be counted towards this prerequisite |
| MUSIC - INSTRUMENTAL | • Six full-year university courses in Instrumental Music if this is your first choice teaching subject or three full-year university courses if it is your second choice teaching subject |
| MUSIC - VOCAL | • Six full-year university courses in Vocal Music if this is your first choice teaching subject or three full-year university courses if it is your second choice teaching subject |
| RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | • Six full-year university courses in Theology or Religious Studies if this is your first choice teaching subject or three full-year university courses if it is your second choice teaching subject  
  (This course is primarily intended to prepare teachers of Religious Education in Roman Catholic secondary schools.)  
  |• You can choose only one of: MUSIC-INSTRUMENTAL or MUSIC-VOCAL, not both |
| SCIENCE-BIOLOGY | • Six full-year university courses in Science, with a minimum of four full-year courses in Biology  
  o Biochemistry is accepted as Chemistry or Biology  
  o Courses in Botany, Zoology, and life sciences such as Anatomy, Physiology, Immunology, and Genetics are accepted as Biology  
  o Psychology courses are not accepted towards this prerequisite |
| SCIENCE-CHEMISTRY | • Six full-year university courses in Science, with a minimum of four full-year courses in Chemistry  
  o Biochemistry is accepted as Chemistry or Biology |
| SCIENCE – PHYSICS | • Six full-year university courses in Science, with a minimum of four full-year courses in Physics  
  o Astrophysics and geophysics are accepted as Physics |
| SCIENCE-GENERAL | • Six full-year university courses in Science, with a minimum of one full-year course in each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics |
| SOCIAL SCIENCE – GENERAL | • Six full-year university courses in any of Psychology, Sociology or Anthropology if this is your first choice teaching subject or three full-year university courses if it is your second choice teaching subject |
| VISUAL ARTS | • Six full-year university courses in Visual Arts if this is your first choice teaching subject or three full-year university courses if it is your second choice teaching subject |

*Not all teaching subjects may be offered in a given year. OISE reserves the right to cancel courses for which enrolment or resources are insufficient.*