



OISE's Master of Teaching Program: Information & Criteria for Associate Teachers

Are you considering being an Associate Teacher with OISE's Master of Teaching (MT) program? Below are the key pieces of information, and the MT Practicum website has additional information. http://www.oise.utoronto.ca/mtpracticum/Forms_Resources.html
Please contact us if you have questions: 416-978-0042 or mtpracticum@utoronto.ca

Five top reasons Associate Teachers (ATs) volunteer (OCT survey, 2009):

- *To help new teachers get the best possible preparation*
- *To give back to my profession*
- *To refresh my own teaching practice by learning new ideas from recent graduates*
- *To gain experience as a mentor*
- *Enjoy working with teacher educators at the faculty of education*

Fall 2019 Practicum Dates

Observation Days: October 18 & 24

4-Week Practicum: October 28 – November 22

Winter 2020 Practicum Dates

Observation Days: February 7 & 13

4-Week Practicum: February 18 – March 13

Please review this checklist of criteria. An Associate Teacher is:

- Motivated to take on the challenging role and fulfill the responsibilities involved with mentoring a Teacher Candidate.
- A model of effective teaching and collaboration for a pre-service teacher.
- Willing to provide opportunities for the Teacher Candidate to gradually increase teaching time throughout the practicum.
- A skilled communicator.
- A model of subject area expertise.
- A model of professional behaviour and ethics.
- Capable of mentoring an adult learner with skills in a) observation, b) providing feedback, and c) holding professional conversations.
- Organized and able to provide the Teacher Candidate with a staff handbook or access to materials concerning expectations about arrival and departure times, appropriate dress code, and general school, community and classroom procedures.
- Willing to commit the time necessary to support the Teacher Candidate, and willing to make a workspace available for the Teacher Candidate in the classroom or department.
- Able to assist the Teacher Candidate in securing the necessary resources to prepare lessons such as access to photocopying and internet, textbooks and library resources.
- Willing to accept and support a range of Teacher Candidates.
- Aware that they can contact the MT Practicum Office (mtpracticum@utoronto.ca 416-978-0041) or the TC's Practicum Coordinator or Faculty Advisor if they have any questions at any time.

(ATs are paid an honorarium of \$200 each time they host a TC. Funds take a long time to be processed, and are dispersed through each board's payroll department. All funds should be received by the end of June each year.)

