

WABAAN

INDIGENOUS TEACHER EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION PROGRAM



IF YOU ARE

- First Nations, Métis or Inuit
- Interested in becoming a qualified teacher in the province of Ontario in either the Primary-Junior or Junior-Intermediate divisions
- A holder of a secondary school graduation diploma and/or a university degree

You may be interested in a new and innovative Bachelor of Education degree program rooted in Indigenous Thought.

Wabaan will provide traditional and contemporary teachings from Indigenous Elders, educators, and community leaders. Responding to the urgent and long-standing need for a teacher education program that centres around Indigenous worldviews, knowledges and pedagogies, York has developed a program that will educate a new generation of teachers prepared to address the needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students, families and communities.

Wabaan is an Anishinabe (Ojibwa) word meaning *it is tomorrow*. It signifies commitment to a holistic program of teaching and learning that acknowledges the impacts of colonialism, and draws on the wisdom of ancestral teachings and contemporary leaders to put Indigenous futures into Indigenous hands. This Teacher Education program includes attention to contemporary urban, rural and reserve perspectives and teachings from a diversity of nations. Students will be introduced to cultural and community resources and have opportunities to learn from and with Indigenous educators.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Community-centred

Held in Toronto for a special cohort of teachers who will take most classes together.

Condensed schedule

Complete a full two-year degree in four consecutive semesters.

Focused curriculum

Courses and experiences infused with a focus on Indigenous education.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants will submit the online supplementary application form which will include:

- a personal statement (indicating why you would like to be a teacher, especially with an Indigenous education focus)
- two letters of reference (from those who have seen you working with children, preferably in a supervisory role)
- submission of official transcripts (mailed directly from the issuing institution)*

*Please note specifications on official transcripts if you are applying to:

Primary-Junior program: minimum Secondary School transcripts and any college or university transcripts from the institution where you have attended.

Junior-Intermediate program: minimum university transcript(s) from the institution where you completed your degree and any other transcripts from other post-secondary institutions that you have attended.

More details on 'How to Apply' will be available soon!

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