

# Graduate Certificate in Education Studies (Level One – Master of Education)

## 2016 - 2017 ADMISSION INFORMATION

### Program Description

The Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies is intended for students who wish to develop academic and/or English language skills necessary for successful participation in the Master of Education (MEd) program.

The program is intended for two categories of students.

- Students with a GPA of between 2.50 and 2.99 on the TRU scale of 4.33 or equivalent
- Students whose English language proficiency does not meet the minimum requirement for admission directly into a Master of Education (MEd).

You are encouraged to look at the Program's introduction on their website for full details regarding the program

[www.tru.ca/hse/education/gces](http://www.tru.ca/hse/education/gces)

### Intake dates:

Summer (May) and Fall (September)

### Admission Requirements

- Four-year undergraduate degree from an accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 2.5 on the TRU scale of 4.33 or equivalent.
- English language proficiency of IELTS 6.0 with no bands below 5.5 equivalent

**NOTE:** Students with IELTS scores of no less than 5.5 (no bands below 5.0) can apply for the GCES program and complete ESL studies up to ESL Level 0500 prior to beginning the GCES program

### How to Apply

1. **Submit your application** online at <https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/tru.jsp>
2. **Pay the application fee:**
  - \$100.00 for International Students
  - \$28.15 for Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents
3. **Submit the following required documentation:**
  - A personal resume
  - A letter of intent (350 words max.) which addresses the applicants motivation for undertaking the M.Ed. program and the applicants expectations of the program in terms of career and personal education goals.
  - Two letters of reference which address the applicant's suitability for a rigorous academic program and ability to work effectively with colleagues. Reference letters can also include other comments that may assist the selection committee in making informed decisions.
  - Proof of English language proficiency if undergraduate degree was awarded in a country that does not consider English to be its first official language. (Instruction in English is not sufficient for waiving the language requirement)
  - Proof of undergraduate degree awarded if the credential is not indicated on official transcripts
  - Copy of official academic transcripts for all post-secondary education in both English and original language (secondary school transcripts are not required)

**NOTE:** We accept scanned copies of official transcripts for application purposes only. However, if you have official transcripts that are still sealed in envelopes from the issuing institution and have never been opened, we recommend you consider sending these to us via courier.

All required documentation must be received by the Graduate Admissions Office in order for your application to be considered complete and ready for processing.

### Next Steps:

Once all required supporting documentation has been received by the Graduate Admissions Office, your application will be processed and sent to the program selection committee for a decision regarding admission to the program. When a decision has been provided by the committee, you will be contacted by email. The application process takes between two and six weeks.

## Need Help? Contact Us

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Phone: 250-828-5402  
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Further information regarding the Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies (Level One Master of Education) program can be found at [www.tru.ca/hse/education/gces](http://www.tru.ca/hse/education/gces)

Additional information regarding various TRU support services, including Disability Services, Counselling, and Student Awards and Financial Aid, as well as Housing can be found at [www.tru.ca](http://www.tru.ca)

## Program Application Admissions Checklist

Please include all of the following:

- Application form
- Application fee
- Personal resume
- Letter of intent (250 words max.).
- Two letters of reference
- Proof of English language proficiency
- Proof of graduation - approved bachelor degree
- Copy of official academic transcripts for all post-secondary education in both English and original language (secondary school transcripts are not required)