

Post-Graduate Certificate for Internationally Trained Teachers

The Faculty of Education at Queen's University has developed a comprehensive program for internationally trained teachers who are certified to teach in countries other than Canada. This unique program offers cultural, educational, and social opportunities that will equip you with the knowledge, skills, and cultural understanding necessary to succeed in an Ontario classroom. Through our 16-month in-person program, we strive to empower our students with the tools necessary to advance their careers in Canada and make a positive impact in the lives of their students.



Intercultural Communication Course

The Intercultural Communication Course is designed to provide candidates with essential linguistic and socio-cultural foundations within the Canadian academic context. By enrolling in this course, candidates will enhance their language proficiency for teaching in Ontario and develop intercultural skills and knowledge necessary for successful academic and professional pursuits in Canada.

The Intercultural Communication Course aims to enhance candidates' language skills for teaching while fostering intercultural competence. It prepares them for the unique challenges and opportunities they may encounter as they pursue their careers in the Canadian educational landscape.

Additional Qualification Courses

You will also complete seven additional qualification courses designed to prepare you for professional practice in Ontario schools. Each AQ course consists of 125 hours of content to be completed in a blended (online and onsite) format. All courses are facilitated by Ontario certified teachers. These courses will complement your existing teacher education degree and help prepare you for teaching in the Ontario school system.

- Orientation to Teaching in Ontario
- The Learning Environment
- Special Education Part 1
- Student Assessment and Evaluation
- Teaching English Language Learners
- Teaching Students with Communication Needs (Learning Disability)
- Teaching Students with Communication Needs (Autism Spectrum Disorders)





Practicum and School Experience

Experiencing an Ontario classroom is an important part of preparing to teach in Ontario. Candidates will gain school experience through either a 20-day practicum **OR** interactive school experiences and workshops. We will do our best to place each candidate in a practicum but cannot guarantee a practicum placement due to teacher shortages.







You'll take part in workshops designed to help you apply for jobs in Ontario. They focus on resume writing, job search, and interview preparation. You'll also have an opportunity to attend a job fair and receive help with your Ontario College of Teachers application.



Throughout the program, you'll engage in experiential learning opportunities, such as participating in a volunteer program, visiting local schools, and working with community groups related to education. Students will also have the opportunity to be involved in Indigenous initiatives including visits from Queen's University Elders and other members of the local Indigenous community. These experiences will allow you to apply your learning both inside and outside the traditional school system.





Kingston, Ontario

Located on the shores of three waterways—the St. Lawrence River, the Rideau Canal and Lake Ontario—Kingston, Ontario, Canada is one of the top university towns in the world according to the BBC. Situated on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Wendat and Haudenosaunee Peoples, Kingston has immense natural beauty both in the city and the surrounding landscape.

Students who choose to study in Kingston at Queen's University will also have the opportunity to experience

- food, music and film festivals
- vibrant downtown shopping and restaurants
- beautiful waterfront parks
- a concert or a semi-professional hockey game
- provincial and national parks
- major Canadian cities and attractions within short traveling distance, including Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal
- the gateway to 1000 Islands and UNESCO-designated Rideau Canal
- year-round family-friendly communities and activities

Candidates with families will enjoy the multicultural city of Kingston and the robust supports available to new Canadians.







Off-Campus Living

Queen's University has supports available to help you find a comfortable place to live while studying. The off-campus living advisor is available to provide confidential guidance on evaluating offcampus housing, tenant rights and responsibilities, and resources for moving in/out. Virtual, one-on-one housing consultation appointments are available for all Queen's students.



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Homestay

Though candidates are welcome to find their own accommodation in Kingston, the Faculty of Education and Queen's School of English have partnered with the Canada Homestay Network, which provides affordable living options for international students.

A homestay experience includes

- a safe and welcoming place to call home
- Canadian cultural immersion
- an opportunity to make friends in the community
- all meals included in homestay fees
- assistance with accommodation during school placements in other communities



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