



UNIVERSITY
OF ALBERTA

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

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WE ARE

in awe of the power of education to change lives. It's why we are dedicated to preparing the next generation of teachers, scholars and leaders to take hold of opportunity — and transform it for a better tomorrow.

When you join the University of Alberta's Faculty of Education, you are joining one of the world's top faculties of education. A degree from our faculty means your credentials will be recognized worldwide.

Students walking to class and socializing at the U of A, North Campus.

Territorial Acknowledgement

The University of Alberta respects the sovereignty, lands, histories, languages, knowledge systems and cultures of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit nations.

The University of Alberta, its buildings, labs and research stations are primarily located on the territory of the Nêhiyaw (Cree), Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Nakoda (Stoney), Dene, Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) and Anishinaabe (Ojibway/Saulteaux), lands that are now known as part of Treaties 6, 7 and 8 and homeland of the Métis.



#3 IN **CANADA**
THE **MACLEAN'S** UNIVERSITY
RANKINGS BY FACULTY (2025)



#4 IN **CANADA**
THE **TIMES HIGHER ED**
RANKINGS BY SUBJECT (2026)



#78 OUT OF **800+**
EDUCATION FACULTIES (QS)



\$3.2M+
IN **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**
AVAILABLE **ANNUALLY** FOR
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

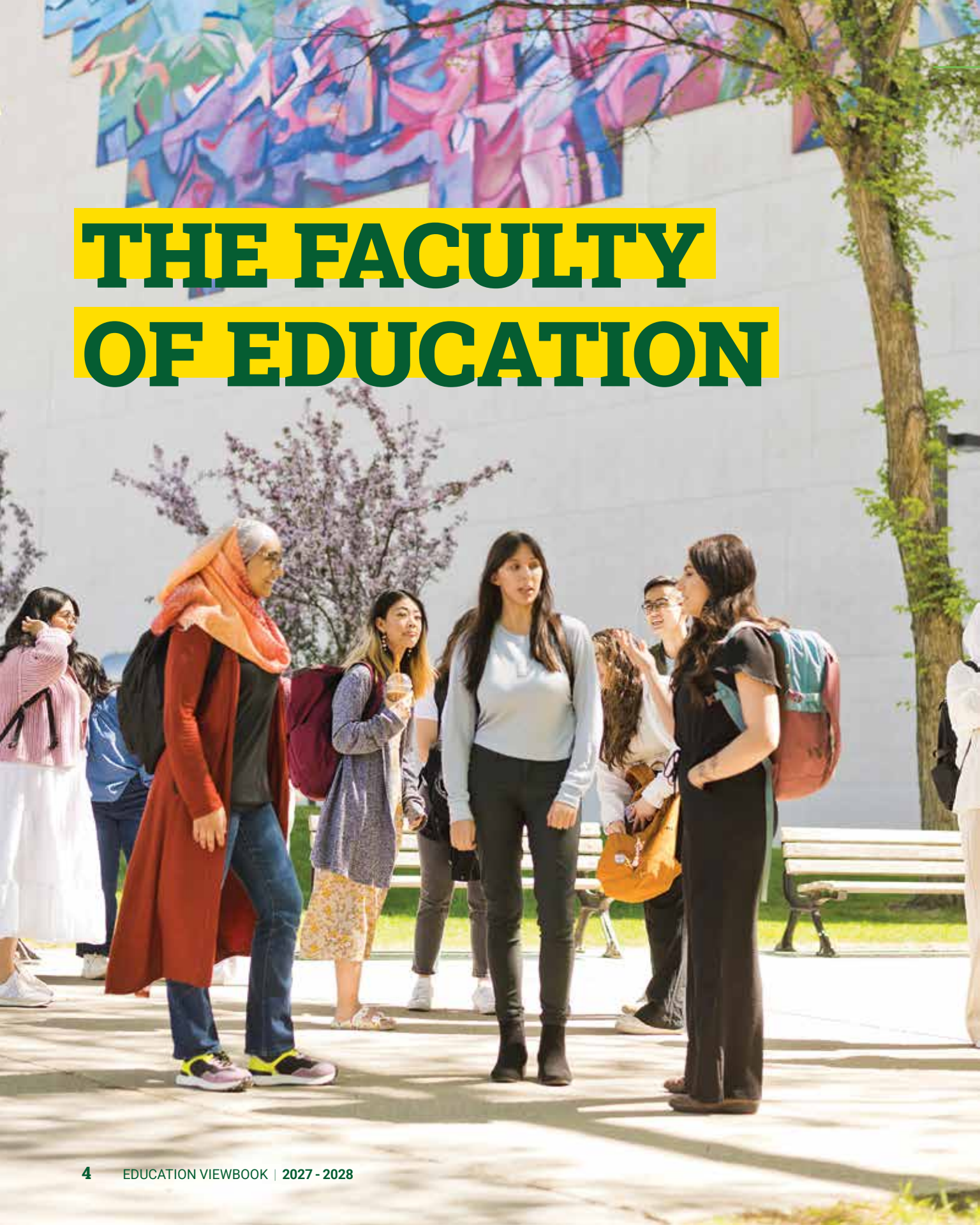


2,800+
CURRENT **TEACHER EDUCATION**
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS



THE LARGEST
UNDERGRADUATE TEACHER
EDUCATION **PROGRAM IN**
CANADA WITH **OVER 64,000**
GRADUATES

For more information on rankings uab.ca/rank



THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Education students outside the Education Centre
North at the U of A, North Campus.

Faculty and Facilities

Established in 1942,
we are proud to hold
the title of Canada's first
Faculty of Education.

Deeper Learning

Students can enter our undergraduate program
directly from high school, either as transfer students
with course credits obtained at another post-
secondary institution or as After Degree students.

In the undergraduate program, you will:

- Learn about teaching theory.
- Become an expert in different content areas.
- Complete at least two professional field
experience terms.

The result? You'll become a professional educator
equipped with the tools needed to lead a classroom
full of inquisitive minds to a brighter future. Nothing
is more rewarding than that!

Teaching With Impact

We are home to award-winning teachers,
internationally recognized researchers, educational
innovators and community leaders.

Our faculty members provide groundbreaking
contributions and leadership across many areas
including Indigenous Peoples education, educational
measurement, curriculum and pedagogy, policy
development and more.

Serving the Public Good

In the Faculty of Education, we:

- Discover and mobilize knowledge.
- Engage with local, national
and international communities.
- Educate classroom teachers
and other professionals
to work in complex, diverse
and changing contexts.

At heart, we are a supportive, welcoming
academic community — packed
with highly engaged, socially conscious
and diverse scholars, students and staff.
Our work impacts K-12 students, their
families, communities and partners
in education and other professions.

We advance the careers of future
researchers, teachers, professionals
and policy-makers as active
and contributing citizens.

Student representative hosts an information table for the Education Students' Association in the Education Centre North at the U of A.

LIFE IN EDUCATION



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Before coming to university, I faced many adversities, including addiction and homelessness. Despite these hardships, I learned it is okay to ask for help and sought the support I needed. Looking back, I can see how reconnecting with my language and culture opened the door to becoming an educator and role model for future generations — and led to my newfound belonging here at the U of A as an Ambassador.

To any future Indigenous students, I hope my story inspires you, assures you that you have what it takes to overcome your challenges, and proves you deserve to be here, as I do.”

DARREN

4th Year, BEd Secondary student from Fox Lake, Alberta.

He is a U of A Ambassador and works with Native Counselling Services of Alberta, supporting Indigenous people and families.

Education Students' Association

The Education Students' Association (ESA) is the undergraduate Faculty Association for all Education students at the U of A, as well as Student Local No. 1 of the Alberta Teachers' Association. As a volunteer-based, not-for-profit organization, the ESA is run by Education students for Education students.

ESA members are motivated to create the best student association possible. We're always striving to further our mandate by:

- Evolving an engaging community for all faculty students.
- Providing leadership and a voice for all Education students, both academically and professionally.
- Offering professional development and networking workshops with the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA), Alberta Education and various school boards.

Education students on the 4th floor student lounge in Education Centre North at the U of A, North Campus.



PROGRAMS OFFERED IN EDUCATION

Bachelor of Education: Elementary

The Bachelor of Education Elementary program prepares future teachers to teach all subjects to children at the elementary school level, from kindergarten through grade 6.

You will:

- Learn about teaching basic concepts and the social education of young learners.
- Participate in a minimum of 14 weeks of student teaching field experience.
- Become the homeroom teacher that children will remember for a lifetime.

Bachelor of Education: Secondary

The Bachelor of Education Secondary program prepares future teachers to pass on their passion for inquiry, discovery and learning to students in grades 7 to 12.

You will:

- Choose a teachable major and minor from over 1,000 combinations.
- Participate in a minimum of 14 weeks of student teaching field experience.
- Become a teacher that inspires students to pursue greatness.

Students now have the option to spend their first two years of study in the BEd Elementary program at the Augustana Campus in Camrose and the final two years in the Faculty of Education at North Campus in Edmonton.

Majors and Minors

Note: All students in the Elementary Route are enrolled in a program as an Elementary Generalist Major (30 units) that prepares prospective teachers in the required elementary school subjects. Students will also select one curricular area as a Minor (12 units). Available Minors are listed in the University of Alberta Calendar. Students may also complete a second Minor teaching subject (12 units) and the Requirements for Optional Second Minor Teaching Subject may differ.

Note: Both Elementary and Secondary Route will now have an Optional Second Minor Teaching Subject. With careful planning, students may be able to complete a second minor teaching subject. The second minor teaching subject should normally be in a different teaching area (STEM, Humanities, Fine Arts, Second Languages, etc.) to allow for greater teaching flexibility in schools. Students with majors and minors in areas of science should NOT do a second minor in a science area. Please contact Education Student Services for help with program planning and second minor options.

Majors:

- Art
- Biological Sciences
- Career & Technology Studies (CTS)
 - Communication Arts*
 - Computing Science
 - Design*
 - Health*
- Human Sciences (Nutrition or Fashion/Textile)
- Media*
- Natural Resources*
- Recreation*
- Trades, Manufacturing, and Transportation†
- Chemistry
- Drama
- English Language Arts
- General Sciences
- Mathematics
- Music: Wind Band
- Physical Education
- Physical Sciences
- Physics
- Second Languages
 - Cree
 - French
 - German
 - Japanese
 - Spanish
 - Ukrainian
 - Other
- Social Studies

Minors:

- Art
- Biological Sciences
- Career & Technology Studies: General
- Chemistry
- Drama
- English as an Additional Language
- English Language Arts
- General Sciences
- Health Education
- Indigenous Curriculum and Pedagogy
- Mathematics
- Music: Wind Band
- Physical Education and Wellness
- Physical Sciences
- Physics
- Religious and Moral Education
- Second Languages with Language Proficiency
 - Arabic
 - Cree
 - French
 - German
 - Italian
 - Japanese
 - Mandarin
 - Spanish
 - Ukrainian
 - Other
- Social Studies

* not open to direct entry.

† not open to direct entry. Open for students presenting 30 units Advanced Standing. Up to 30 units Advanced Standing can be granted for relevant provincial and federal journey certification, degree, or two-year certificate or diploma in relevant Career and Technology Studies major categories.

‡ major and minor offerings subject to change throughout the admission cycle.



U of A students studying
at U of A, North Campus.

5-YEAR COMBINED DEGREE AND AFTER DEGREE PROGRAM

Learn about all the BEd programs at
ualberta.ca/education/programs

5-Year Combined Degree

The combined degree programs allow students to do the first two or three years of their undergraduate studies with the Faculty of Arts; Faculty of Native Studies; Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation; Faculty of Science or at Augustana Campus. Remaining years are taken with the Faculty of Education.

**You get two bachelor's degrees
in five years!**

Students interested in a combined degree must enter the program by applying to the partner faculty first. All admissions inquiries should be directed to the partner faculty.

Combined Degrees (5-Year Programs):

Elementary Route

- Bachelor of Arts (Native Studies) / Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Kinesiology / Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Music / Bachelor of Education

Secondary Route

- Bachelor of Arts (Native Studies) / Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Arts (Drama) / Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Kinesiology / Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Music / Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Science (Specialization) / Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Arts (Augustana) / Bachelor of Education in Secondary Education
- Bachelor of Science (Augustana Campus) / Bachelor of Education

After Degree Program

The BEd program can be completed as an After Degree, which is designed for students who already hold an approved university degree. You can specialize in elementary or secondary education.

Off-Campus Collaborative Programs

Unsure about making the big move to Edmonton? Looking to study in a smaller group setting? We got you!

Consider the Collaborative Elementary Education Program at Keyano College in Fort McMurray in Fall 2027.

Students enter the program after having successfully completed 60 units of course weight of transferable course credit at another accredited post-secondary institution, or as an After Degree applicant. You will graduate with a University of Alberta Bachelor of Education degree and qualify for teacher certification in Alberta, while staying in your community.

Aboriginal Teacher Education

The Aboriginal Teacher Education Program (ATEP) has had tremendous success over the last 24 years, playing a vital and direct role in improving education for Aboriginal children in Alberta and throughout Canada by increasing the number of Aboriginal teachers working in classrooms.

ATEP enhances understanding of Aboriginal worldviews, knowledge systems, histories, educational experiences and ways of knowing and being. More than 95% of ATEP graduates are currently teaching, working in various leadership roles or pursuing graduate studies.

The ATEP program is a specialized route to a Bachelor of Education (Elementary) or a Bachelor of Education After Degree in Secondary Education, with a major in Indigenous Languages (for fluent Indigenous language speakers).

ATEP offers flexible course offerings in both in-person and online formats, and students can study full-time and part-time to ensure their education fits their lifestyle. To be considered for admission, students must meet the specific entrance requirements and follow all application instructions for the cohort they are applying to.

ATEP painting on the 7th floor of Education South painted by Cree artist Jerry Whitehead from the Peter Chapman Band, part of the James Smith Cree Nation in Saskatchewan.

To learn more, visit: uab.ca/atep
Or email: atepuofa@ualberta.ca



Students collaborate in the Education Learning Commons, a technology-rich space in the Faculty of Education Centre North at the U of A, North Campus.

Field Experience

This is where theory meets practice — with 14 weeks of supervised student teaching! All Education students participate in field experiences during their studies. On-campus coursework in the first part of the term supports you prior to going out to your placement.

Student teaching is about applying what you have learned in your university courses to a real-life school setting. Develop new skills and strategies, as well as a professional identity within a school.

Every year, our undergraduates tell us that student teaching was the highlight of their teacher education program!

To learn more, visit: uab.ca/fieldexp

Introductory Field Experience

The Introductory Field Experience (IFX) consists of an eight-week on-campus seminar, three in-school observation days and a five-week field experience.

Advanced Field Experience

The Advanced Field Experience (AFX) is a nine-week field experience. Once student teachers have gained experience teaching in the IFX, the AFX gives them the opportunity to further develop teaching knowledge and skills.

EDFX 200

Students are required to take EDFX 200, a five-day field experience grounded in active observation where pre-service teachers will begin to develop professional noticing and reflective practice in school contexts.



Education students on the 4th floor student lounge in Education Centre North at the U of A.

READY,
SET,
APPLY!

Important Deadlines

March 1

Application deadline
uab.ca/apply

June 15

Deadline to submit admission documents for post-secondary transfer or After Degree

August 1

Deadline to submit admission documents for high school

Programs and admission requirements (including non-direct entry programs):
uab.ca/programs

Historical admission averages by faculty:
uab.ca/averages

Apply for scholarships & awards:
uab.ca/awards

University access program for Indigenous students – Transition Year Program:
uab.ca/typ

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Bachelor of Education program is competitive. The high school admission average may vary by year.

High School Requirements

- English Language Arts 30-1
- Choose three:
 - Biology 30
 - Chemistry 30
 - Math 31
 - Physics 30
 - Pure Math 30 or Math 30-1/ Math 30-2*
 - Science 30
 - Social Studies 30-1
 - Aboriginal Studies 30
 - Computing Science - Advanced Level CTS (5 credits)
 - 30-level language other than English
- Choose one:
 - Humanities/Social Sciences
 - Languages other than English
 - Fine Arts
 - Maths/Sciences
 - Physical Education 30 (5 credits)
 - 30-level CTS course (5 credits)

After Degree Program Requirements

- A 3- or 4-year degree from an accredited post-secondary institution.
- A competitive Admission GPA (AGPA) based on the most recent 24 transferable credits without splitting a term. Please note that the required competitive AGPAs may change from year to year and throughout the admission cycle.

Transfer Requirements

Applicants with 24-60 transferable post-secondary credits must present a competitive admission grade point average. Students with 9-24 credits must present a combination of high school requirements and a competitive admission grade point average.

uab.ca/transferstudent

For more information visit uab.ca/education.

* Although not required for admission, it is strongly recommended that students entering Elementary Education possess Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 in order to meet the prerequisites for courses within the program. Please note that for some Secondary Education Major/Minor routes, students are required to present specific 30-level courses (or equivalent) in order to complete the requirements of each Major/Minor. These courses do not have to be presented for admission but are prerequisites for university course registration.



Aerial view of U of A, North Campus.

ASK US

You've got questions
and we've got advisors.

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