

GRADUATE

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Graduate Programs in Elementary and Middle School Education

Mount Saint Vincent University is small enough so you can think big. Our small class sizes allow you to work directly with your professors and fellow students. Your classes won't be "one way" lectures; you'll participate in lively group discussions and team projects that will build your knowledge and confidence.

The Faculty of Education at the Mount offers Master of Arts in Education and Master of Education programs in Elementary and Middle School Education. These programs focus on curriculum and teaching and the relationship between them and are grounded in a broad concept of research that encourages the critical examination of teaching.

Students combine study in two subject areas central to the elementary and middle school curriculum, e.g., science, social studies, mathematics, or language arts, seminar studies of issues facing contemporary teachers, and research studies leading to a project related to their teaching.

Programs may be taken full- or part-time, and may be offered on- or off-campus. The MAEd program requires a thesis, and the MEd requires a project.

Application and Admission Requirements

A bachelor's degree and a Bachelor of Education or equivalent, with a minimum overall "B" average (GPA 3.0), and at least one year of successful teaching experience, normally at the elementary or middle school level. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Program Requirements

MEd

GEDU 6170 – Introduction to Research Literacy – half unit

GEMS 6424 – Focus on Teaching (project course) – half unit

Two half-units from a limited list of courses related to issues in elementary and middle schools

Four half-units from subjects in the elementary and middle school curriculum; e.g., language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, fine and performing arts, values and religious education

Two half-units of electives chosen in consultation with a faculty advisor

MAEd

GEDU 6170 – Introduction to Research Literacy – half unit

Half unit from GEDU 6107, 6100 or 6150

Two half-units from a limited list of courses related to issues in elementary and middle schools

GEDU 6130 – MA thesis – one unit

Two half-units from subjects in the elementary and middle school curriculum; e.g., language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, fine and performing arts, values and religious education

Two half-units of electives chosen in consultation with a faculty advisor

For details of the program, visit msvu.ca/calendar/graduate.asp or msvu.ca/education.



Time Frame

Students have five years to complete their program, although most complete it over two to three years. Courses are generally scheduled in the evening or on weekends and are also offered in both summer sessions.

Faculty Research Interests

Jane Baskwill, PhD (University of South Australia)

Literacy/language arts; multi-model approaches to activist research, leadership as a collective enterprise, research as an aesthetic experience, women in educational administration

Robert N. Berard, PhD (McMaster University)

Social studies; educational policy, teachers interest groups in education, politics of schooling, history of education

Geneviève Boulet, PhD (Université de Montréal)

Mathematics; Learning and teaching of rational number concepts, use of virtual environments to explore learning of mathematical phenomena

Michelle Forrest, PhD (Dalhousie University)

Aesthetics and arts education, media education

William Hare, PhD (University of Toronto)

Critical thinking, open-mindedness and education, moral aspects of teaching and education

Mary Jane Harkins, PhD (Dalhousie University)

Special needs education; educational leadership and curriculum development; at-risk literacy programming; inclusive education

Eva Knoll, MSc (Université de Montréal; PhD candidate, University of Exeter [UK])

Mathematics; use of manipulatives and construction kit design in mathematics teaching; 3-dimensional geometry and topology in mathematics education

Anne MacCleave, PhD (Pennsylvania State University)

Cultural psychology, professional ethics, values reasoning, exploring human development with puppets, costumes and drama

Susan Walsh, PhD (University of Alberta)

Literacy/language arts; arts-informed research methods; writing as process and inquiry; drama and creative dance; critical literacy

Recent Graduates

Lana Smith, MEd '05

Principal, Prospect Road Elementary School, Halifax RSB

Erna Fraser, '04

Consultant, Elementary Programs and Literacy Education, Annapolis Valley RSB

Kara Mason MacDonald, '03

Grade 4 teacher, Atlantic View Elementary School, Halifax RSB

Veronica Chipman, '01

Grade 6 teacher, Sacred Heart School of Halifax

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