

GRADUATE

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Programs in Educational Foundations

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 Educational Foundations. These programs provide a critical perspective on educational issues, policies, and practices, drawing on a wide range of foundational disciplines such as sociology, history, philosophy, and political theory.

Topics of special interest include: value issues in education; issues of social difference, such as gender, race, and class; peace and social justice issues; leadership; political issues relating to policy, ideology and decision-making in education; and historical, social, and cultural perspectives in education.

Programs may be taken full- or part-time, and may be offered on or off-campus. Periodically, cohort programs are offered in Leadership, and in Peace Education, where students take a complete program together. The MAEd program requires a thesis, and the MEd requires a project in cohort programs and includes the option of a project in other programs. Students may select courses from other areas in the program if they are designated foundational courses.

Application and Admission Requirements

A bachelor's degree or its equivalent with a minimum overall "B" (GPA 3.0) average. All applicants are required to submit a short essay outlining their reasons for undertaking graduate study in Educational Foundations. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Program Requirements

MEd

GEDU 6170 half unit

Two and one-half units in GFDD or designated foundational courses

Two units of electives

MAEd

GEDU 6170 half unit

Half unit from GEDU 6107, 6100, or 6150

GEDU 6130 thesis one unit

Two units in GFDD or designated foundational courses

One unit elective

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

Time Frame

Students have five years in which to complete the program.

Courses are generally scheduled in the evening or on weekends and are also offered in both summer sessions.



Faculty Research Interests

Robert N. Berard, PhD (McMaster University)

History of Education, Teacher Education, Politics of Education and Educational Policy, Teachers Organizations and Interest Groups in Education

Michelle Forrest, PhD (Dalhousie University)

Philosophy of Education, Aesthetics and Arts Education, Philosophy of Educational Research, Media Education

William Hare, PhD (University of Toronto)

Philosophy of Education, Teacher Education, Critical Thinking, Open-mindedness and Education, Moral Aspects of Teaching and Education

Mary Jane Harkins, PhD (Dalhousie University)

Educational Leadership and Curriculum Development; Literacy Programming for Struggling Readers and Writers; Inclusive Education; Large-scale Testing for Learners with Exceptionalities; and Teacher Education

Valda Leighteizer, PhD (Dalhousie University)

Curriculum Theories, Critical Pedagogy, Transformative Pedagogies, Social and Cultural Issues in Schooling Processes

Sue L.T. McGregor, PhD (Strathclyde University, Glasgow)

Peace in a Consumer Society, Home Economics Professional Philosophy, Transformative Practice, Consumer Citizenship Education, Consumer Morality, Peace Pedagogy

Recent Graduates

Benedette Anyanwu, MEd '04

Vice-Principal, Fairview Junior High School, Halifax

Christine Gallant, MAEd '05

Vice-Principal, Harry R. Hamilton Elementary School, Middle Sackville, Nova Scotia

Robert MacDonald, MEd '02

Principal of Joseph Howe Elementary School, Halifax

Kelly MacLeod, MEd '05

Vice-Principal, Queen Elizabeth High School, Halifax

Jennifer Ryan MAEd '02

Part-time instructor, Faculty of Education, Mount Saint Vincent University

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