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**Bachelor of Education
Elementary
Supplementary Information Package
September 2022 Entry**

The Bachelor of Education – Elementary program is a highly sought after limited-access professional program. You should ensure, then, that you meet and wherever possible surpass the basic pre-requisites or co-requisites for this program.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Only fully completed applications are forwarded to the Mount's Faculty of Education. When your application reaches the Faculty it will be reviewed according to the following criteria:

1. **UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE:** Completion of an undergraduate degree is required for admission to the Bachelor of Education program. Applicants completing the final year of an undergraduate degree may apply. If accepted, the undergraduate degree must be completed before beginning the B.Ed. Program.
2. **GRADES:** Normally the grade standard for the B.Ed. Program is a 'B'; however, the Mount does not simply select the students with the highest undergraduate marks; rather, marks are one indicator of academic success in post-graduate professional study.
3. **UNDERGRADUATE COURSE WORK:** Applicants to the B.Ed. - Elementary program should have completed:
 - 1.0 unit (6 credit hours) in university social studies coursework from any one or combination of the following disciplines – History (with a preference for local or Canadian History), Geography, Political Science, Anthropology, Sociology, Economics, Law, Classics, African Canadian Studies, Mi'kmaq Studies, Acadian Studies and/or Philosophy
 - 1.0 unit (6 credit hours) in university science coursework from any one or combination of the following disciplines - Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology/Earth Sciences, Oceanography, Interdisciplinary Study in Science and Environmental Studies
 - 1.0 unit (6 credit hours) in university Mathematics coursework with a preference for a course in fundamental concepts of math
 - 1.0 unit (6 credit hours) in university English coursework if undergraduate degree is delivered in English or 1.0 unit (6 credit hours) in university French coursework if undergraduate degree is delivered in French
 - 0.5 unit (3 credit hours) in Developmental Psychology, Child Psychology, or Educational Psychology (EDUC 3452 offered at the Mount will fulfill this requirement)

Applicants who are missing some of these academic requirements may be considered for conditional acceptance providing these courses are completed by a deadline/s determined by the Faculty of Education.

4. **REFERENCES:** Three references [one (1) academic and two (2) general suitability for teaching] are required. Referees should be from persons who are not related to the applicant, who are familiar with the applicant's recent experiences as they pertain to the education profession, should know the applicant in some professional or other responsible capacity, and should respond to the questions asked of them as fully as possible.
5. **EXPERIENCES (COVER LETTER AND RESUMÉ):** A one-page cover letter must accompany your resumé. Your resumé should include the nature and amount of experience you have had in areas relevant to teaching. This experience may include paid or voluntary work in elementary schools, but other experience with young people such as mentor, tutor or counselor will be considered.
6. **ESSAY RESPONSE:** Each applicant to the elementary program must submit an essay response, of no more than two pages (500 words), the essay question is "Who or what has inspired you to pursue a career in teacher education? What are some qualities that this person/this experience has that you would like to emulate in your own career?".
7. **International Applicants:** Official transcripts issued in a language other than English must be accompanied by an English translation signed by a notarized translator. Applicants submitting transcripts for studies completed outside of North America (Canada and United States) must contact World Education Services (WES) to request a **Course-by-Course** Credential Assessment of their transcript/s. The results of the transcript assessment are to be sent directly from WES to the Admissions Office and will form part of the applicant's completed B.Ed. application package.

(Link for WES <https://www.wes.org/ca/>)

Candidates who are admitted to the program will be required to submit completed Criminal Records, with the Vulnerable Sector Search, and Child Abuse Registry checks **by deadline dates that will be provided by the Faculty of Education.**

The application deadline is Friday January 21 2022 or until all available positions are filled. Students are admitted to the regular B.Ed. program in September only.

Questions? E-mail: education@msvu.ca



THIS IS A REQUIRED FORM AND MUST BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS TO THE ELEMENTARY PROGRAM.

From your university transcript/s, please indicate in the chart below how you meet the B.Ed. Elementary academic and admission requirements.

APPLICANT NAME:			INTENDED GRADUATION DATE (MM/YY):	
INSTITUTION & DEGREE:				
REQUIREMENTS	COURSE NUMBER & TITLE	COURSE WEIGHT VALUE (UNITS OR CREDITS)		FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
		NUMBER OF UNITS/CREDITS COMPLETED	NUMBER OF UNITS/CREDITS IN PROGRESS	
Social Studies (1.0 unit/6 cr hrs) in university social studies coursework from any one or combination of the following disciplines - History (with a preference for local or Canadian History), Geography, Political Science, Anthropology, Sociology, Economics, Law, Classics, African Canadian Studies, Mi'kmaq Studies, Acadian Studies and/or Philosophy				Yes: _____ No: _____ Missing: _____ Comments: _____
Science (1.0 unit/6 cr hrs) in university science coursework from any one or combination of the following disciplines - Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology/Earth Sciences, Oceanography, Interdisciplinary Study in Science and Environmental Studies				Yes: _____ No: _____ Missing: _____ Comments: _____
Mathematics (1.0 unit/6 cr hrs) in university Mathematics coursework with a preference for a course in fundamental concepts				Yes: _____ No: _____ Missing: _____ Comments: _____
English (1.0 unit/6 cr hrs) in university English coursework if undergraduate degree is delivered in English or 1.0 unit (6 credit hours) in university French coursework if undergraduate degree is delivered in French				Yes: _____ No: _____ Missing: _____ Comments: _____
Developmental Psychology, Child Psychology or Educational Psychology (0.5 unit/3 cr hrs) EDUC 3452 offered at the Mount will fulfill this requirement				Yes: _____ No: _____ Missing: _____ Comments: _____

NOTE: Applicants who are missing some of these academic requirements may be considered for conditional acceptance providing these courses are completed by a deadline/s determined by the Faculty of Education.



Elementary applicants please respond to the question in an essay of no more than two pages (500 words-typed).

“Who or what has inspired you to pursue a career in teacher education? What are some qualities that this person/this experience has that you would like to emulate in your own career?”

Please note: We request that you do not use the real names of people you will be speaking about for this question.



For tracking purposes, please assist us by providing a list of your three referees.

Applicant	_____	_____	_____
	Last Name	First & Middle Name	Former Last Name
Intended Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> Secondary	_____
			Date of Birth (DD/MM only)

Please list your referees' contact information below. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that referees forward the completed reference forms to the Admissions Office by the application deadline date.

	Academic Reference	General Suitability	General Suitability
Name	_____	_____	_____
Address	_____	_____	_____
Telephone	_____	_____	_____
E-mail	_____	_____	_____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Review the sections above to ensure your application is complete. Please note that your cover letter, resumé and case study response may be submitted electronically by emailing the documents as attachments to admissions@msvu.ca. Please include your full name, birth date and student ID, if available, in the email.

BASIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

Review the Basic Program Information for the Bachelor of Education - Elementary or the Bachelor of Education - Secondary to ensure you meet the pre-requisites or co-requisites for the program. Application materials are due in the Admissions Office January 21, 2022; however, we will continue to accept applications until all available positions are filled.

APPLICATION

Complete and submit an online Application Form for the program you wish to apply to:

- Bachelor of Education - Elementary
- Bachelor of Education - Secondary

APPLICATION FEE

Submit a \$40 non-refundable application fee. The fee can be paid online with a credit card immediately upon submission of the online application.

You can pay the fee online at the following link:

https://forms.msvu.ca/paynow/payonline/default.aspx?_ga=2.97385695.152066844.1530012633-1706170188.1505828303

If you wish to apply to both programs, you must submit an online application form for each program and pay the application fees for each program.

TRANSCRIPTS OF ALL POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Submit an official transcript (in the institution's sealed envelope) from each post-secondary institution you have attended, including institutions from which you received transfer credit/s. Transcripts can be sent directly from the issuing institution to the Admissions Office, Mount Saint Vincent University or enclosed (in the university's sealed envelope) with the application package. Please note applicants do not have to submit a transcript for course work taken at the Mount.

International Transcript/s:

Official transcripts issued in a language other than English must be accompanied by an English translation signed by a notarized translator.

Applicants submitting transcripts for studies completed outside of North America (Canada and United States) must contact World Education Services (WES) to request a Course-by-Course Credential Assessment of their transcript/s. The results of the transcript assessment are to be sent directly from WES to the Admissions Office and will form part of the applicant's completed B.Ed. application package. (Link for WES <https://www.wes.org/ca/>.)

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FORM (COMPLETION OF THE APPROPRIATE FORM IS REQUIRED)

Applicants must complete the appropriate admission requirements form, Elementary or Secondary, indicating how they meet the academic requirements of the program to which they are applying.

COVER LETTER

Applicants must submit a one-page letter of introduction. Applicants should draw attention to any special circumstances affecting their application and/or provide additional information that may be helpful to the Admissions Committee.

RESUMÉ

Applicants must submit their resumé on plain white paper, which outlines the following (include dates and descriptions where appropriate):

- Education
- Employment record (employer, type of work and responsibilities)
- Detail your experiences with children relevant to teaching
- Awards and recognitions
- Group, society, or community activities
- Hobbies, recreational, or leisure time activities
- Attributes that enhance your contribution to teaching

REFEREE CONTACT INFORMATION SHEET

For tracking purposes, applicants should provide a list of their three (3) referees. The appropriate form is included in this package.

REFERENCE FORMS – COMPLETION OF APPROPRIATE REFERENCE FORM/S IS REQUIRED.

- One (1) Academic Reference (required form): This reference form specifically addresses your most recent university experiences. Applicants who have not undertaken academic course work in the past 5 years may submit a Professional Reference using the Academic Reference form.
- Two (2) General Suitability for Teaching References (required form): Referees should be persons who are not related to the applicant, who are familiar with the applicant's recent experiences as they pertain to the education profession and who can provide an unbiased and objective assessment.

NOTE: The Academic Reference form and the General Suitability for Teaching Reference forms are **REQUIRED COMPONENTS** of your B.Ed. application package and must be completed by the referees. It is therefore your responsibility to ensure your referees complete the appropriate form/s. Referees should email their reference form directly to Admissions@msvu.ca or enclose the form in a sealed envelope signed across the seal and either return it to you for inclusion in your application package or to the address below:

Admissions Office
Mount Saint Vincent University
166 Bedford Hwy
Halifax NS B3M 2J6
Fax: 902-457-6498

ESSAY RESPONSE

Please respond, in an essay of no more than two pages (500 words), "Who or what has inspired you to pursue a career in teacher education? What are some qualities that this person/this experience has that you would like to emulate in your own career?"

STUDENTS WITH IDENTIFIED DISABILITIES

Upon admission to the Mount, students with identified disabilities (e.g., blind or visual impairments, deaf or hard of hearing, learning disabilities, ADD/ADHD, etc.) must register with Accessibility Services as soon as possible. For further information please visit the Accessibility Services website <https://www.msvu.ca/campus-life/accessibility-services/>

PLEASE NOTE:

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their application is complete and all required documentation has been submitted to the Admissions Office by the deadline date. To track the status of your application, please contact the Admissions Office at admissions@msvu.ca.

IS YOUR APPLICATION COMPLETE?

- Online application form submitted
- Application fee submitted
- Transcripts requested and submitted
- Cover Letter submitted
- Resumé submitted
- Elementary or Secondary Program Admission Requirements Form completed and submitted
- Referee Contact Information Sheet submitted
- Reference Forms
 - academic reference
 - suitability for teaching #1
 - suitability for teaching #2
- Essay Response

