

Teacher Education at OISE

Information Session for Applicants
2015-16

What is OISE?

- ✓ Canada's largest faculty of education
- ✓ Teacher Education
(P/J, J/I, I/S)
- ✓ Additional Qualification courses for teachers
- ✓ A wide range of graduate programs in education

Program Length

- ◆ Starting 2015 all teacher education programs in Ontario will become 2 year programs
- ◆ OISE has been offering 2 year teacher education programs for decades

Two-Year Teacher Education Programs

- M.A. in Child Study & Education (P/J)
- Master of Teaching (P/J, J/I & I/S)
- Programs combine initial teacher education with graduate-level studies and research

Selection of Applicants

We are looking for:

- ❖ potential to become excellent teachers and educational leaders
- ❖ a diverse group of candidates that reflects the diverse student body in Toronto and Ontario schools
- ❖ an openness and commitment to working towards equity in diverse classrooms and schools.

Minimum Admission Requirements

- all applicants will be considered on their individual merits for admission to any graduate program at the University of Toronto

Minimum Admission Requirements

- **Master's Degree:**
an appropriate bachelor's degree with high academic standing (equivalent to at least mid-B or better) from a recognized postsecondary institution.

Personal Background

Both the Master of Teaching and the MA in Child Study and Education are interested in your personal background related to teaching.

MA Child Study & Education

- ▶ Experience is documented in resume and statement of intent.
- ▶ Experience working with groups of elementary school-aged children, preferably in positions of responsibility.
- ▶ Interview is required (February).

Master of Teaching

- ❖ Experience is documented in resume and statement of intent.
- ❖ Recent, age-related teaching experiences in a classroom or in other informal educational or community-based settings are ideal.
- ❖ No interview. Instead the statement of intent is more structured.

MT: Statement of Intent

- ◆ Should be limited to 2 pages
 - ❖ Single-spaced, Times New Roman font size 12 pt
- ◆ Respond to 4 specific questions.

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Think about:

- ✓ What have you done?
- ✓ What have you learned?
- ✓ How will this help you as a teacher?

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1. Why have you chosen to apply to the MT program?

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2. Describe three significant teaching and/or teaching-related experiences you have had, especially with groups of children. With reference to these experiences, identify insights gained about teaching and learning and explain how, based on these insights, they might contribute to the education of students in today's schools.

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3. Describe a challenging situation you had with a learner or group of learners during one of the experiences mentioned in question 2. What did you learn about teaching and learning from this specific interaction? What specific action(s) will you take to apply this learning to the education of students in today's schools?

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4. Describe a specific life experience and explain how this demonstrates an openness and/or commitment to working towards equity in diverse classrooms, schools and communities. What specific action(s) would you take as a teacher to develop positive relationships with students, families, and communities including those traditionally underserved in the educational system?

MT: Teaching Subjects & Prerequisites

- ▶ Choose 1 for J/I, 2 for I/S.
- ▶ J/I: 3 full courses in the subject
Exception: 5 full courses in French
- ▶ I/S: 6 full courses in first teaching subject
3 full courses in second teaching subject
Exception: 2nd Language and Science subjects always require 6 full courses

Application Schedule

- ❖ Deadline for Applications:
December 1, 2014
- ❖ Offers in the mail:
mid-February, 2015

Web-Based Application

- Application is the University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies Online Application System:
 - provide referee info so can be contacted
 - pay application fee (\$220 total)
 - upload supporting documents
 - monitor status (documents + overall)

More Information

www.oise.utoronto.ca/admissions

- Links to program information and online application

Need Assistance?

Technical Issues

- University of Toronto,
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Process Issues

- OISE Registrar's Office,
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Unit

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Thank-you for coming today.