



Concordia's Bachelor of Education (After Degree) is a two-year program which fulfils the requirements for certification as a teacher in Alberta. Applications are encouraged from those individuals who have had direct experience with children in formal and informal settings and who possess an undergraduate baccalaureate degree. Normally, a liberal arts or science degree is preferred.

The Faculty of Education values the wide range of academic and professional backgrounds held by students admitted into the teacher education program. For this reason, the Faculty has attempted to keep admission requirements as open as possible while ensuring appropriate preparation for the academic disciplines that graduates must teach in schools.

The number of first-year students in the program is limited to 70; therefore, admission is competitive. Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission, applicants must present the following requirements:

1. A three- or four-year baccalaureate degree from a recognized university or college.
2. An admission grade point average^a (AGPA) of at least 2.3 (on Concordia's 4-point scale) or equivalent on the most recently attempted 30 credits.
3. Successful completion of 12 credits as follows:
 - a) 3 credits in English language/ literature
 - b) 9 credits from at least two of the following areas: (computing science, fine arts, humanities, languages other than English, mathematics, physical education and sport studies, sciences, or social sciences).
4. A Philosophy of Teaching Statement^c, including the principles that applicants believe are essential to effective teaching and learning that will guide their work as teachers.
5. A *Volunteer/Work Experience Record*.^{b, c}
6. Two *Confidential Assessment Forms*.^{b, c} At least one referee should be a former employer or supervisor who can comment on the applicant's suitability to work with children between the ages of 5 and 14 years.
7. Evidence of proficiency in computer knowledge and use.
8. Demonstrated fulfillment of Concordia's *English Language Requirement*, section 5.1.4 of the *Concordia Calendar*.

Note:

- a) Normally, courses completed in the spring and summer session immediately preceding the term of entry are not calculated in the AGPA. All grades used in calculating the AGPA are adjusted according to Concordia's grade conversion scale.
- b) This form is included in the *Bachelor of Education (After Degree) Admission Application Supplement*.
- c) Applicants should take care in choosing referees to complete the *Confidential Assessment Forms*, in writing the Philosophy of Teaching Statement and *Volunteer/Work Experience Record*, and in preparing for the interview. An unsatisfactory assessment in any one of these areas could jeopardize their profile ranking and ultimately their competitiveness in the selection process.
- d) Concordia reserves the right to assess an applicant's post-secondary academic record for course equivalencies.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Application	May 1st
Interim documents (all supporting documents and interim academic transcripts are due on the Interim Documents deadline)	May 1st
Final Documents	June 15th

SELECTION PROCESS

Concordia creates profiles for all applicants using:

1. AGPA;
2. prerequisite course requirements;
3. Philosophy of Teaching Statement;
4. *Volunteer/Work Experience Record*;
5. two *Confidential Assessment Forms*;
6. computer proficiency; and
7. the interview.

The first step in the selection process is to rank all applicants who submitted a completed application, based on points one to five of their applicant profile. Based on this ranking, qualified applicants are then invited for interview.

The interview is designed to assess applicants' non-academic qualifications, such as their degree of maturity and motivation, initiative, ability to communicate, personal qualities and interests, and overall suitability for the teaching profession.

Following the interviews and the receipt of final academic transcripts, Concordia ranks all applicant profiles again and makes final admission decisions.