

EDUCATION FOR FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT (CERT.) (60 CREDITS)

Offered by: Faculty of Education
Program credit weight: 60 credits

Program Description

This 60-credit program provides an opportunity for Algonquin, Cree, Inuit, Mi'gmaq, Mohawk, and Naskapi people to become qualified as teachers. It is offered on a part-time basis in Indigenous communities throughout Quebec in collaboration with, for example, the Cree School Board, the Kativik Ilisarniliriniq and various Mi'gmaq, Mohawk, Algonquin and education authorities.

Quebec graduates of this program receive Quebec Ministère de l'Éducation certification to teach at the elementary school level in Indigenous schools.

On completion of the Certificate requirements, trainees may apply for admission to the Bachelor of Education - Kindergarten and Elementary Education - First Nations and Inuit Studies or Bachelor of Education for Certified Teachers program and consult the Program Adviser to determine Advanced Standing.

Time Limit

The time limit for completion of the 60-credit Certificate in Education for First Nations and Inuit is 12 years. The University reserves the right to request that a student retake a course or courses after a five-year period if it is felt that too long a break has occurred in the ongoing nature of the training.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Required Courses (27 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEC 201	First Year Professional Seminar.	1
EDEC 203	Communication in Education.	3
EDEC 253	Second Professional Seminar (Kindergarten/Elementary).	1
EDM 502	Indigenous Family Dynamics and Supporting Institutions.	3
EDFE 200	First Field Experience (K/Elem and Secondary).	2
EDFE 256	Second Field Experience (Kindergarten/Elementary).	3
EDFE 306	Third Field Experience (Kindergarten/Elementary).	8
EDPE 300	Educational Psychology.	3
EDPI 341	Instruction in Inclusive Schools.	3

Complementary Courses (33 credits)

6 credits from the following language courses according to language group and fluency:

Algonquin

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEC 270	Algonquin Heritage Language 1.	3
EDEC 271	Algonquin Heritage Language 2.	3
EDEC 272	Algonquin Language 1.	3
EDEC 273	Algonquin Language 2.	3

Cree

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEC 241	Cree Language 1.	3
EDEC 242	Cree Language 2.	3

Inuktitut

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEC 289	Inuktitut Orthography and Grammar.	3
EDEC 342	Intermediate Indigenous Language.	3
EDEC 344	Advanced Indigenous Language.	3

Mi'gmaq

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEC 237	Mi'gmaq Heritage Language 1.	3
EDEC 238	Mi'gmaq Heritage Language 2.	3
EDEC 239	Mi'gmaq Language 1.	3
EDEC 240	Mi'gmaq Language 2.	3

Mohawk

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEC 275	Mohawk Heritage Language 1.	3
EDEC 276	Mohawk Heritage Language 2.	3
EDEC 277	Mohawk Language 1.	3
EDEC 278	Mohawk Language 2.	3

Naskapi

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEC 227	Naskapi Language 1.	3
EDEC 228	Naskapi Language 2.	3

27 credits from one of the three following Stream course lists:

Stream A: Generalist

Stream B: Physical Education

Stream C: Culture and Language

In order to ensure appropriate choices, students select from the list of Complementary Courses in consultation with the Program Adviser.

Stream A: Generalist

27 credits from the following list:

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEA 242	Cultural Skills 1.	3
EDEC 243	Teaching: Multigrade Classrooms.	3
EDEC 260	Philosophical Foundations.	3
EDEC 262	Media, Technology and Education.	3
EDEE 223	Language Arts.	3
EDEE 230	Elementary School Mathematics 1.	3
EDEE 245	Orientation to Education.	3
EDEE 248	Reading and Writing Inuktitut/Cree.	3
EDEE 253	Kindergarten Classroom Pedagogy.	3
EDEE 270	Elementary School Science.	3
EDEE 273	Elementary School Science 2.	3
EDEE 280	Geography, History and Citizenship Education.	3
EDEE 283	Social Studies Pedagogy.	3
EDEE 325	Children's Literature.	3
EDEE 332	Teaching Elementary Mathematics 2.	3
EDEE 353	Third Year Professional Seminar (Kindergarten/Elementary).	3
EDEE 355	Classroom-based Evaluation.	3

Stream B: Physical Education

21 credits from the following list:

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEC 243	Teaching: Multigrade Classrooms.	3
EDEC 262	Media, Technology and Education.	3
EDEE 223	Language Arts.	3
EDEE 245	Orientation to Education.	3
EDEE 353	Third Year Professional Seminar (Kindergarten/Elementary).	3
EDKP 204	Health Education.	3
EDKP 241	Indigenous Physical Activities.	3
EDKP 292	Nutrition and Wellness.	3
EDKP 307	Evaluation in Physical Education.	3
EDKP 342	Physical Education Methods.	3
EDKP 494	Physical Education Curriculum Development.	3

and 6 credits from the following Physical Education courses:

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Course	Title	Credits
EDKP 214	Basketball.	2
EDKP 217	Track and Field.	3
EDKP 218	Volleyball.	2
EDKP 223	Games 1: Elementary Physical Education .	3
EDKP 229	Ice Hockey 1.	1

Stream C: Culture and Language

27 credits from the following list:

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEA 242	Cultural Skills 1.	3
EDEA 243	Cultural Skills 2.	3
EDEA 244	Cultural Skills - Fall.	3
EDEA 245	Cultural Skills - Winter.	3
EDEA 246	Cultural Skills - Spring.	3
EDEA 247	Cultural Skills - Summer.	3
EDEC 263	Information Communication Technology in Indigenous Literacy.	3
EDEC 342	Intermediate Indigenous Language.	3
EDEC 344	Advanced Indigenous Language.	3
EDEE 230	Elementary School Mathematics 1.	3
EDEE 245	Orientation to Education.	3
EDEE 248	Reading and Writing Inuktitut/Cree.	3
EDEE 270	Elementary School Science.	3
EDEE 283	Social Studies Pedagogy.	3
EDEE 332	Teaching Elementary Mathematics 2.	3
EDEE 347	Grammar and Composition 1.	3
EDEE 348	Grammar and Composition 2.	3
EDEE 353	Third Year Professional Seminar (Kindergarten/Elementary).	3
EDEE 355	Classroom-based Evaluation.	3
EDEE 370	Traditional Indigenous Life Skills.	3
EDEE 371	Integrating Indigenous Storytelling and Creative Writing.	3
EDEE 373	Traditional Healing.	3
EDEE 383	Oral and Family History.	3
EDKP 241	Indigenous Physical Activities.	3