

MCGILL PRINCIPLES OF PRACTICE, BEHAVIOUR, AND ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR TEACHER CANDIDATES

Students are strongly advised to familiarize themselves with the complete McGill Principles of Practice, Behaviour and Ethical Conduct for Teacher Candidates document.

The mission of McGill University's Bachelor of Education Program within the Department of Integrated Studies in Education (DISE) and the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education (KPE) as well as the Master of Teaching and Learning (MATL) Program within DISE in cooperation with the Faculty of Education's Internship and Student Affairs Office (ISA) is to prepare teachers who are knowledgeable, skillful, flexible, creative, and compassionate members of the profession guided by a sense of social and ethical responsibility in relation to their students and the wider society.

In keeping with the professional culture of teaching and learning, McGill's teacher education community believes that teaching and learning spaces should model such professional environments. McGill's teacher education community is committed to creating authentic opportunities where an understanding of teaching and learning is co-constructed between instructors and teacher candidates, teachers and learners, as well as peer-to-peer and beyond. In order for us to create these learning environments, we are expected to demonstrate awareness of, respect for, and commitment to, the behaviours and actions of professionals. We expect members of McGill's teacher education community, including teacher candidates, teaching assistants, lecturers, professors and community partners to be accountable to themselves and others, and to be engaged, collegial, and accessible. By doing so, McGill's teacher education community is more fully able to share together in the types of critical dialogue, creative thinking, and reflective practice expected of professionals.

McGill's teacher education community is committed to nurturing a space where teacher candidates, teaching assistants, lecturers, professors and community partners can all engage in the exchange of ideas and dialogue, without fear of being made to feel unwelcome or unsafe on account of biological sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, race/ethnicity, religion, linguistic and cultural background, age, physical or mental ability, or any other aspect integral to one's personhood. We therefore recognize that it is our individual and collective responsibility, to strive to establish and maintain an environment wherein all interactions are based on empathy and mutual respect for the person, acknowledging differences of perspectives, free from judgment, censure, and/or stigma.

Finally, McGill's teacher education community is charged with ensuring that all graduates of its programs have the requisite knowledge, skills, and attitudes required of the teaching profession and can meet standards of the Québec Professional Teacher Competencies to be eligible for professional certification as educators in the Province of Québec.