

HOW DO I BECOME A TEACHER?

1. Complete an undergraduate degree (degree length may vary based on desired teaching level). *Primary/Junior teaching levels will accept 3-year general Bachelor's degree. Teaching levels above this will require a four-year Bachelor's degree (Honours).*

Seneca Program: [Any Honours degrees](#) meets Primary/Junior requirements. For teaching beyond the Primary/Junior level students must ensure that the desired [Seneca Honours degree](#) meets the teaching subject requirements.

Visit <https://www.ouac.on.ca/teas/> for more information.

To explore how your Seneca diploma may pathway into a degree, please review the [Degree Transfer Guide](#).

2. Complete a four-semester teacher education program (Bachelor of Education). *Students should review the desired institutions requirements for the teacher's education program to identify if preference is given to students who complete a four-year Bachelor's degree (Honours) vs a 3-year general Bachelor's degree), this may be the case for some institutions.*
3. Receive certification from the Ontario College of Teachers.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

Requirements vary by institution. Common requirements:

- > Undergraduate degree (usually an Honours)

Those hoping to teach in **Primary/Junior (Grades K-6)** should aim to have a well-rounded background by completing a variety of courses in the core curriculum areas (English, Math, Geography, History, Science etc.).

Primary/Junior teachers are not required to have a teaching subject. Requirements vary by institution.

Those hoping to teach in **Junior/Intermediate (Grades 4-10)** or **Intermediate/Senior (Grades 7-12)** must have a specific number of courses in their teaching subject(s). The following page lists possible teaching subjects.

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- > Overall GPA of 3.0 (B or 70%)
- > Statement of Experience / Experience Profile / Personal Statement
- > Letter(s) of recommendation / Referees (if applicable)

Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

If you have more questions, book an appointment with a Pathways Advisor:

<https://seneca.mywconline.com>

Visit oct.ca for more information.

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TEACHING SUBJECTS

- English
- Science (General, Biology, Physics, or Chemistry)
- French as a Second Language
- Health and Physical Education
- Music (Vocal or Instrumental)
- Dance
- Law
- First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Studies
- Social Sciences
- Politics
- Classical Studies (Greek or Latin)
- Economics
- Religious Education in Catholic Schools
- Business Studies (General, Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Information and Communication Technology)
- History
- Mathematics
- Geography
- Visual Arts
- Dramatic Arts
- Environmental Science
- Family Studies
- Computer Studies
- Philosophy
- Media Arts
- International Languages
- Native Languages

Primary/Junior (Grades K-6) division applicants do not require teaching subjects.
Junior/Intermediate (Grades 4-10) division applicants require 1 teaching subject.
Intermediate/Senior (Grades 7-12) division applicants require 2 teaching subjects.

Teacher education programs have undergraduate course requirements and/or preferences for teaching subjects such as a number of full-year courses in a teaching subject and specified courses within the teaching subject.

Example: For the teaching subject “History”, an applicant may be required to have six full-year undergraduate courses in History and at least one full-year undergraduate course in Canadian History.

Some teacher education programs do not permit certain teaching subject combinations (e.g. Music – Vocal and Music – Instrumental)

Teacher education programs do not offer every teaching subject.

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Note: Based on Ontario Requirements.

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