

At a Glance

Important Information

- The cost to apply to our program is \$110 (as of 2019).
- Do your research—get to know the program to which you are applying by visiting education.uoit.ca/graduate.
- Review the program options:
 - [Master of Education \(MEd\)](#) (includes course-only and project options)
 - [Master of Arts in Education \(MA\)](#)
 - [Graduate Diploma](#)
- Think about why you are a good match for this program and what you would like to gain from it.
- Read the tips below very carefully.
- Read the [Statement of Intent \(SOI\)](#) suggestions below very carefully.
- Read the [suggestions about references](#) below and watch the [References video](#).
- Refer to the deadlines posted on our website for each of our three intake dates per year.

Application and Program Options

MEd Standard Application

For students who

- have a four-year degree from a recognized institution with an overall average of B (GPA 3.0) and a B average in the last two full-time years.
- If you do not have this requirement, see non-standard application (below).

Possible outcomes

- If all the elements of your application are solid (SOI, technology and education experience, and references), you may be accepted directly into the MEd program.
- It is also possible that we will ask you to start in the [Diploma Program](#) to see if you are a good fit for our program. After successfully completing a minimum of 2 courses (with requisite grades) you can formally reapply to the MEd program AND get credit for the courses you have already completed.

MEd Non-Standard Application

For students who

- do not meet the standard academic criteria, but have significant relevant professional experience.

Key things to note

- Include a detailed CV or resume.
- You will need to make a strong case for your educational AND technology experience.

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MA Application

For students who

- have a very strong academic standing: B+ to A- (GPA 3.3) or higher.
- have solid teaching/technology background because student may be required to be a Teaching Assistant (TA).
- have solid research experience because student may be required to be a Research Assistant (RA).

Key things to note

- MA applicants **can apply for September entry only.**
- **Full-time** MA students are funded.
- You must include a detailed CV or resume.
- You will need to make a strong case for your educational AND technology experience.

Graduate Diploma Application

For students who

- wish to pursue graduate-level courses without pursuing a full master's degree.
- wish to complete a Graduate Diploma for personal or professional advancement.
- are granted entry to the Diploma program as a possible pathway to a full master's degree.

Tips and Guidelines

Statement of Intent (SOI)

- We need to assess whether you are a match for our program (communication skills, technology skills, and educational and professional experience).
- Provide a clear, thoughtful explanation of why our graduate program is a good fit for you.
- Provide detailed examples of how you have used technology in significant and meaningful ways.
- Provide a clear summary of your experiences as an educator or facilitator of instruction.
- We are looking for well-written, organized, focused statements and proper paragraphs.
- Limit your SOI to one or two pages—this may mean making judicious choices about what to include and how to organize your ideas.
- Make sure your SOI is free of spelling and grammatical errors—you may wish to check it with [Grammarly](#).

Curriculum Vitae

- While not required for a standard MEd application, you might wish to include a CV, particularly if it will help us understand your technological and education background and skills.
- CVs are required for non-standard applications (see above) and MA applications.
- Organize your CV with clear and informative headings, emphasizing your achievements that are most relevant to our graduate program.

References [Video Clip \(3:18\)](#)

- References may be academic or professional.
- Select referees who can assess your potential to succeed in our graduate program.
- **Appropriate referees** might include but are not restricted to: previous professors or instructors, program directors, supervisors, superintendents, principals.
- Give the referee a clear deadline.
- Make sure your referee understands the program to which you are applying.
- Tell your referees NOT to rate skills/areas that they are unable to assess.
- Ask your referee to:
 - clearly identify how he/she knows you and for how long;
 - explain how the applicant (you) can contribute to our graduate program;
 - consider key skills such as:
 - critical thinking, reasoning and problem solving
 - written and oral communication
 - reliability and dependability
 - resilience and adaptability
 - capacity for improvement
 - social skills and ability to collaborate with others
 - cultural sensitivity and competence.
- Good references provide details and evidence of claims made about you.
- Review the [Letters of Recommendation page](#) on the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies website.