Program Description

For graduate students interested in exploring broad themes in education including curriculum, pedagogy, and leadership, the Master of Education (MEd) program offers the opportunity to engage in critical analysis of current research and literature.

Students can choose a program structure from three options: thesis, major research project, or major research paper. All students take two core courses that provide a foundation for advanced learning in this discipline. Elective courses are offered in several broad streams that include Adult Education, Language and Literacy, Leadership, Special Education, and Teaching and Pedagogy. Designed for educators and other professionals who want to deepen their critical thinking and bring a richer understanding to their professional roles, the degree is targeted at the twenty-first century learner.

Faculty research interests include: intra and inter-professional education, Indigenous education, gender studies, adult learning, narrative inquiry, holistic education, policy analysis, institutional ethnography, student and family engagement, technology, leadership, experiential learning, special and multi-literacy education.

Program of Study

There are three different routes to complete the Master of Education degree:

Thesis
(Six courses + thesis):
• Two core MEd courses
• Four additional MEd courses
• Thesis

Major Research Paper
(Eight courses + MRP):
• Two core MEd courses
• Six additional MEd courses
• Major Research Paper

Research Project and Seminar
(Nine courses + Research Project and Seminar):
• Two core MEd courses
• Seven additional MEd courses
• Research Project and Seminar course
Additionally, students have the option to complete the degree through a traditional two-year full-time structure, or a more flexible four-year option that is ideal for working professionals engaged in continued employment:

**Full-time**
- Enrol in 1 to 4 courses in the first two terms
- Eligible for scholarship funding
- Must complete all degree requirements within two years or six terms

**Flexible Full-time**
- Our Flexible Full-time program is intended to permit working professionals to be engaged in continued employment in areas related to the fields of research. They may enrol in fewer courses each term and take up to four years (12 terms) to complete the program. Students in the Flexible Full-time program are not eligible for financial support from the university.
- Not eligible for scholarship funding
- Must complete all degree requirements within three to four years

**Why Nipissing?**
At Nipissing, the excellent faculty-to-student ratio translates into increased individual attention for graduate students and their research projects.

Students are carefully matched with supervisors with compatible research interests. Dedicated faculty who regularly win external grants and awards guide graduate students, who, in turn, are immersed in a collegial, supportive learning community.

Our Master of Education students tell us that they also appreciate the program’s flexibility both in offering online course options and in offering a varied program structure. Our small classes ensure that students receive personalized attention throughout their electives, and our flexible full-time option allows working professionals to continue their employment.

**Our Facilities**
Nipissing University offers physical spaces that are conducive to productive research. Graduate students study in state-of-the-art classrooms, seminar rooms, and research labs. The graduate student lounge and interdisciplinary office provide a dedicated meeting space for onsite collegial interaction.

The Harris Learning Library provides 56,000 square feet of study space and the modern design features expanded print collections, a learning commons, adaptive technology and collaborative work-spaces.

Finally, the Surtees Athletic Centre and the numerous walking trails provide outlets for those times when graduate students need to exercise the body as well as the mind.

**The Schulich School of Education offers:**
- Consecutive and Concurrent Bachelor of Education degree options
- Bachelor of Physical and Health Education degree
- Master of Science in Kinesiology degree
- Master of Education and Doctor of Philosophy in Education degrees
- Professional AQ Courses

For more information visit nipissingu.ca/schulich
Careers
Our students contribute to both the educational field as well as other professions from health to social work to administrative leadership.

Application & Deadlines
Applications can be made by visiting our website at www.nipissingu.ca/registrarforms
You will find requirements and deadlines on the website at www.nipissingu.ca/graduatestudies

Financial Aid
Funding is available to full-time graduate students from both internal and external sources. Internal funding includes teaching/research assistantships, faculty research grants, and Nipissing Graduate Scholarships. The value of these scholarships varies.

Students are also encouraged to compete for scholarships from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS), the Canadian Graduate Scholarships (CGS), the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), and the Mackenzie King Memorial Scholarship.

For more information on scholarships, visit: www.nipissingu.ca/gradfunding

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