

Field Experiences

Concordia University of Edmonton Bachelor of Education (After Degree)

Field Experiences are key components of Concordia's BEd (AD) program. They are intended to provide student teachers with opportunities to develop competencies based on the *Teaching Quality Standard* (TQS) with Alberta Education. Working with certificated teachers, student teachers experience the realities of day-to-day teaching and demonstrate their ability to transform theory into practice. University facilitators provide guidance and support throughout the field experiences.

Year One

Field Experience 1 (EDSEM—Education Seminars/Mentor Meetings)

- Review requirements of field experiences
- Prepare for participation in field experiences

EDUC531—Field Experience in the Elementary School II

Part One—Observation Phase of Field Experience

- Become acquainted with the school community and staff, the cooperating teacher, and the students
- Broaden professional understanding of teaching by observing the cooperating teacher
- Provide assistance to and work alongside the cooperating teacher
- Complete assignments linked with preservice university coursework

Part Two—Intermediate Phase of Field Experience

- Four-week evaluated field experience
- Development through to half-time teaching responsibility
- University Facilitator supported

Year Two

EDUC532—Field Experience in the Elementary School III

- Extended Field Experience—non-instructional days, start-up, and first week of school
- Evaluated Field Experience—nine weeks, October through December
- Development through to full-time teaching responsibility
- University Facilitator supported

EDUC502—Advanced Planning in the Elementary School

- Three-week in-person course on planning and assessment
- Following the Extended Field Experience and prior to the Evaluated Field Experience

EDUC542—Reflections on Field Experience

- Online modules and in-person conferences
- Concurrent with EDUC532
- Student teachers examine issues and concerns encountered in their EDUC532 Field Experience

Year One

EDSEM

- Education Seminars and Mentor Meetings

EDUC531 Part One—Observation

- Minimum 10 half-day observations
- November to mid-March

EDUC531 Part Two—Intermediate Field Experience

- Four weeks of evaluated field experience
- Mid-March to mid-April
- Culminates in half-time teaching responsibility

Year Two

EDUC532 Senior Field Experience

- Extended Field Experience—Non-instructional days and school start-up until the Friday following Labour Day.
- Nine-week evaluated Field Experience—October to December
- Culminates in full-time teaching responsibility

EDUC502 Planning and Assessment

EDUC542 Reflections

- Online modules and in-person conferences
- Concurrent with EDUC 532
- Development of a Professional Growth Plan

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