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Master of Education Newsletter

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Fall, Winter, and Spring 2019 – 2020 Registration is now OPEN!!

StFX MEd students can find the fall, winter, and spring course schedules in the Continuing & Distance Education Fall & Winter 2019-2020 Calendar:

<http://www2.mystfx.ca/continuingeducation/continuing-distance-education-calendars>

**Frustrated
when courses
are cancelled?
Register early
to avoid
possible
cancellation of
courses!**



As I complete my second year as Chair, I can't believe how quickly time has slipped away. In fact, it seems like only yesterday, I was writing my first piece for the newsletter. As I reflect on the past two years, I can't help but note how our various programs continue to be in high demand. I am confident this demand stems in large measure from the excellence and responsiveness of our offerings. A significant aspect of this excellence, in my mind, is built around the quality of our team. Our full- and part-time instructors give very generously in lending their time and expertise to making the learning experience second to none. Additionally, our staff, including the instructional designers, always go above and beyond the call of duty. In sum, I feel privileged to work with such an outstanding group of the people.

I'd be remiss if I didn't say a few words in general about the MEd program. This July, 173 new students are beginning their degree. This is a record intake, and again, speaks to the quality of our program. The new cohorts launching this summer on campus include Culturally Responsive Pedagogy, Outdoor Education, and Inclusive Education (both curriculum and administration). As well, a new Mental Health cohort is beginning in Toronto, as is an Early Elementary Pedagogy cohort in Halifax.

Congratulations are also extended to the following cohorts, who have completed their capping experience this July: Indigenous Education 3, Early Elementary Pedagogy 4, Outdoor Education 1, Secondary Science, and Mental Health 5.

In closing, whether you are enrolled in your first course, or your program is nearing completion, I thank you for being part of our community of learners. I know I can speak for my colleagues when I say that it is wonderful to teach and learn alongside those of you pursuing an MEd degree at StFX.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer, and remember to register early for future courses. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to ask, as we are all here to help.

Best wishes,

David

Student Handbooks

- Master of Education Student Handbook
- Thesis and Project Guidelines
- Academic Writing
- Guide to Graduate Studies
- StFX Academic Calendar

<https://www2.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/handbooks>

Important Information

- **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:** <https://www2.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/students-faq>

- How do I register for a course?
 - How do I request a transcript?
 - How do I request an official receipt for tuition?
 - How do I apply to graduate?
 - How do I request a letter of confirmation?
- And many more...



- **X-RING ELIGIBILITY:** <https://www.stfx.ca/alumni/everything-x-ring/x-ring-information>
- **DROPPING A COURSE:** Please be aware of our refund policy. Dropping a course 2 weeks prior to the start date will result in an automatic charge of \$100.00. (<https://tinyurl.com/ycr3yhng>)
- **EDUC 569 SELECTED TOPICS:** Students may register for as many 569s as their elective requirements allow, provided the course title for each is different.
- **STUDENT STATUS:** If your student status changes for any reason, please notify the program office at med@stfx.ca
- **ASYNCHRONOUS:** We have developed several asynchronous courses. Asynchronous e-learning is an interactive, student-centered approach to learning that is not bounded by geography or time.
- **CORE COURSES:** Non-Cohort students are encouraged to take core courses first. Please visit the FAQ's for a list.

Have you applied for Fall 2019 Convocation?

Convocation Ceremony – Sunday December 1, 2019

<https://www.stfx.ca/student-life/convocation/fall-convocation>

See Frequently Asked Questions for instructions on how to apply.

<https://www2.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/students-faq>

Technology Tips & Tricks

Would you like to turn off the audio notifications in Collaborate Ultra?

Audio notifications (“beeps”) are an optional accessibility feature that Blackboard has incorporated into Collaborate Ultra. If you find audio notifications helpful, by all means leave them on. Some users may wish to turn them off, either because they find them distracting, or because they do not want them transmitted by their microphones.

To turn off notifications, first open the Collaborate panel (if it is not already open) by clicking on the purple tab in the lower right corner of the screen. You will see a number of icons. Click on the “cog” icon (circled in the following screenshot).



This will open the Settings panel. Click on “Notification Settings” to open that section. You will see a number of check boxes. Uncheck all (or just some) of the boxes, each of which pertains to a particular type of audio notification.

That’s all there is to it!

Library Tips & Tricks



First, let me introduce myself: my name is Meghan Landry and I’m the new liaison librarian to Education at StFX! I’m originally from Prince Edward Island and previously worked as an academic librarian at UPEI. Feel free to contact me regarding your research questions or for help with access to the library’s resources.

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If you’re a distance student, and you run into problems accessing resources in print or resources that we don’t have electronically, but you’d like to request access, you have a few options:

1. If you’re located in Nova Scotia, you can sign out and request materials from any Novanet participating university with your **StFX card**.
2. If you’re located outside of Nova Scotia, sign up for a **CAUL card**: <http://www2.mystfx.ca/library/caul-cards>. This gives you borrowing privileges at universities outside of the Novanet consortium.
3. Check to see if your local university library allows public users to access their databases in-person via one of their public computers.
4. If you want to place a Document Delivery request, but are located outside of Antigonish, contact the office to see how we can help you: <http://www2.mystfx.ca/library/document-delivery>

Consult the Distance Students page of the Education subject guide for more information:

<http://www2.mystfx.ca/library/library-services-distance-and-continuing-education-students>



Inter-University Doctoral Program in Educational Studies

The Inter-University Doctoral Program in Educational Studies (a collaborative partnership between Acadia, Mount Saint Vincent, and St. Francis Xavier universities) is continuing to accept applications. The program can support students in preparation for assuming the role of educational researcher in one or more of six themes: curriculum studies, educational foundation and leadership, inclusive education, lifelong learning (adult education), literacies, and psychological aspects of education.

Student research assistantships available.

Any enquiries about the program can be directed to:

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Apply for the July intake by November 15.

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