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Master of Education Newsletter

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FALL

CONVOCATION

December 5, 2020

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information

X-RING

December 3, 2020

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**Frustrated when
courses are
cancelled?**

**Register early to
avoid possible
cancellation of
courses!**

**See page 4 for more
information.**



Although I mentioned this in my previous piece for the newsletter, I would like to reiterate how truly impressed I was with the 2020 summer school experience. I know transitioning our entire program to an online format was not without its challenges, but the entire team did a remarkable job ensuring the highest standards in the delivery of our various course offerings. To everyone involved directly and indirectly this past July, my most sincere thanks.

As the warm weather of summer has come and gone, the fall is now upon us, and with it signals the return of students to campus. Although the pandemic still remains, the campus has an air of normalcy, as a majority of undergraduate courses are being delivered face-to-face.

Turning specifically to the MEd program, there are a wide variety of cohort and non-cohort courses offered this fall. To those who have completed their degree requirements, bravo! This is a significant accomplishment, and while my colleagues and I will not be able to celebrate with you in-person this year, we extend our best wishes and congratulations.

I would be remiss if I did not take time to recognize that October is Mi'kmaq History Month in Nova Scotia. Now in its 27th year, Mi'kmaq History Month provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate Mi'kmaw culture and heritage. This year, Mi'kmaq History Month focuses on plant knowledge and use. For additional information, please see the following web site: <https://mikmaqhistorymonth.ca/>

In closing, I hope each of you have a wonderful fall, and remember to please register early for winter and spring courses.

As always, please look after yourself and each other, and if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to ask, as we are all here to help.

Best,

David

Master of Education Fall 2020 Study Award

A limited number of \$500 bursaries will be granted each year to current MEd students based on financial need. Students must be in good academic standing, and, registered in an MEd course for the term in question. Full-time and part-time students are eligible to apply.

Application forms may be obtained by contacting:

Continuing & Distance Education

St. Francis Xavier University

E-mail: med@stfx.ca

Telephone: (902) 867-3906 Toll Free: 1-877-867-3906

<https://www2.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/applications-and-forms>

Deadline: November 15, 2020

Applications **must be received by the deadline of the current year in which you are applying.** Successful candidates will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision within two weeks of the deadline.

Send completed form to:

MEd Student Bursary

Continuing & Distance Education

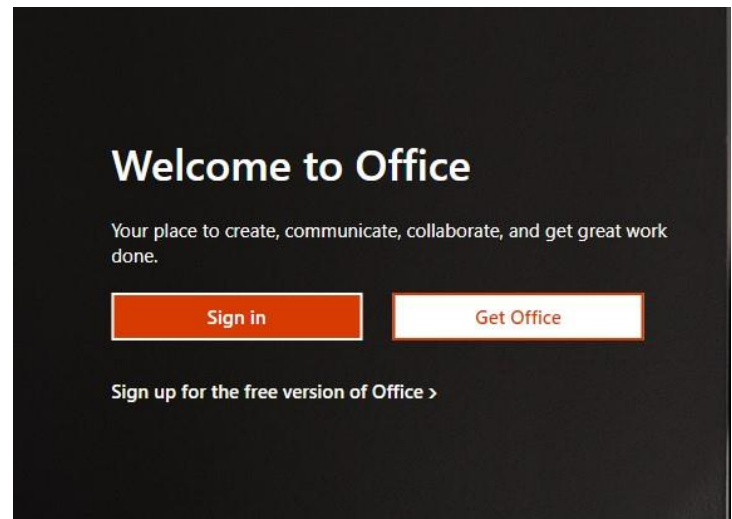
St. Francis Xavier University

P.O. Box 5000 Antigonish, Nova Scotia B2G 2W5

Technology Tips & Tricks

Office 365

- StFX students (like faculty and staff) have access to the Microsoft Office 365 suite, which includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams, OneNote, Stream, and many more apps.
- You can access the online Office365 suite by logging into your Office 365 account (office.365.stfx.ca) using your StFX email address (username@stfx.ca) and password.
- [You have the option to install the Office 365 suite directly onto your device.](#)
- [You can also store and share files in OneDrive.](#)



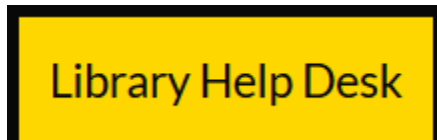
Different ways to receive virtual research help

The librarians at StFX are continuing to work virtually and remotely for the Fall 2020 semester. During this time, we offer multiple ways to receive virtual research help depending on your availability and individual needs.

1. Book a one-on-one virtual appointment with myself, **Meghan Landry**:
<https://stfx.libcal.com/appointments/meghanlandry>.

I offer 3 different types of research appointments: 20 minute sessions for quick database help; 30 minute sessions for a general or beginner research consultation; or 45 minute sessions for advanced research help.

2. If you have a quick or general question, and prefer to speak to a StFX librarian: **StFX Library Help Desk**. This online help desk is staffed Monday to Friday, 1-4pm Atlantic time. The icon is located in the bottom-right corner on the Library homepage:



3. If you have a quick question that you need answered as soon as possible: **Novanet Live Help**. It is staffed by Novanet librarians (all across Nova Scotia). The hours are:

Monday - Thursday 10am - 10pm
Friday 10am - 6pm
Saturday No Service
Sunday 4pm - 10pm

You can access Live Help here: <http://www2.mystfx.ca/library/need-help>

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

- What is the refund policy?
 - 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?
- And many more...

- **X-RING ELIGIBILITY:** <https://www.stfx.ca/alumni/everything-x-ring/x-ring-information>
- **DROPPING A COURSE** 2 weeks prior to the start date will result in an automatic charge of \$100.00. Please see the refund policy under Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www2.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/students-faq>
- **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.

Fall 2020 Convocation Information

Saturday December 5, 2020

See Frequently Asked Questions for instructions on how to apply.
<https://www2.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/students-faq>

If you have any questions please contact Wendy Hayne in the Registrar's Office at whayne@stfx.ca

Seats are still available in the following winter and spring courses

****In accordance with section 2.1.6 of the university calendar, students with a balance of fees owing from a previous term will not be permitted to register in a subsequent term or receive official university transcripts.****

Winter 2020

EDUC 569.68 (W) – **Selected Topics in Education: Poverty and Schooling** (CRN: 55878)
Mondays, 7 – 10 pm
January 11 – March 29, 2021 (No class March 15) + 3 hrs. TBD

Spring 2021

EDUC 536.66 (Sp) – **Program Development** (CRN: 12404)
Wednesdays, 6 – 9 pm
April 7 – June 9, 2021 + 6 hrs. TBD

EDUC 510.66 (Sp) - **Restorative Approaches in Educational Settings** (CRN: 12407)
Mondays, 7 – 10 pm
April 5 – June 7, 2021 (No class May 24) + 6 hrs. TBD

EDUC 571.66 (Sp) – **Specific Issues in School Administration** (CRN: 12406)
Wednesdays, 6:30 – 9:30 pm
April 7 – June 9, 2021 + 6 hrs. TBD

[For full descriptions, click here.](#)

In the News

[STFX EDUCATION PROFESSOR DR. CHRIS GILHAM RECEIVES \\$25,000 STANDING TOGETHER GRANT TO EVALUATE SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMMING THAT COULD HELP DISRUPT CYCLES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE](#)

[STFX FACULTY OF EDUCATION WELCOMES ELDER-IN-RESIDENCE](#)

Have you applied for Spring 2021 Convocation?

If you plan to graduate at the Spring 2021 Convocation, you need to **apply now** by completing the Application for Graduation form on Banner Self Service. If you have already applied, please check your convocation status to ensure that your name, degree and hometown are correct.

Students who do not apply to graduate cannot be considered for convocation.

If you have any questions please contact Wendy Hayne in the Registrar's Office at whayne@stfx.ca

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