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Master of Education Newsletter

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**Fall, Winter, and
Spring 2020 –
2021 Registration
is now OPEN!!**

StFX MEd students can find the fall, winter, and spring course schedules in the Continuing & Distance Education Fall & Winter 2020-2021 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 begin my fourth year as Chair, the summer of 2020 will be forever etched in my memory, for many reasons.

First, the ongoing pandemic resulted in having to transition 534 and 505—which are normally offered on campus—to an online delivery model. I must confess that although I was not sure what to expect, I believe the July session went extremely well.

Another highlight from the summer I would like to note was the addition of Jane Meader as our inaugural Elder-in-Residence. Besides teaching a course in the first block in July, Jane was actively involved in sharing her knowledge and expertise with other classes. Certainly, students and faculty alike benefited tremendously from Jane's involvement in the graduate program.

I would be remiss if I did not also thank each of our instructors who gave so generously of their time over the past month. As someone who has been involved with summer school for a number of years, the commitment and dedication of our part- and full-time faculty never ceases to amaze me. And it goes without saying that the support we all receive from Continuing and Distance Education is second to none.

This July, we welcomed 179 students into the MEd program, which is a record in terms of new admits. In addition to our non-cohort option, new cohorts launching this summer included Culturally Responsive Pedagogy, Inclusive Education (both curriculum and administration), Early Elementary Pedagogy, and a Literacy cohort with the Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education, which technically commenced during the spring. Certainly, the number of individuals pursuing a graduate degree through StFX speaks to the quality and responsiveness of our program.

Congratulations are also extended to the following ongoing cohorts, who completed their program of study this July: Early Elementary Pedagogy, Mental Health (2 cohorts), Physical and Health Education, Culturally Responsive Pedagogy, and Tri-County Literacy.

In closing, 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 thank you for being part of our community of learners, and I wish each of you a wonderful summer.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to ask, as we are all here to help.

Best wishes,

David

Technology Tips & Tricks

Bookmarks: Working with online platforms requires users to visit the same websites on a regular basis. In Chrome browser, you can save bookmarks to navigate to frequently visited sites more easily.

⇒ The **Add to bookmarks** command is a **star icon** located at the **end of the address bar** that looks like a hollow star:



⇒ Go to your frequently visited website (for example: <https://moodle.stfx.ca> or <https://office365.stfx.ca>) and click on the star at the end of the address bar to add that page to the bookmarks bar.

⇒ The **bookmark bar** is located just **below the address bar**.



⇒ Once you populate this bookmarks bar with some bookmarks, you can rearrange as you wish by clicking and dragging the bookmarks around. At the end of the bookmarks bar are two arrows >> which hide any extra bookmarks you may have saved. You can also drag and drop these to rearrange in a more efficient order as desired.

⇒ To use your bookmarked pages, simply click on them in the bookmark bar. This will take you automatically to the bookmarked page rather than navigating through multiple websites to get to your destination.

Having these bookmarks allows you to get to your most frequently visited websites in one click. You can have as many as you need.

Library Tips & Tricks



First, let me introduce myself: my name is Meghan Landry and I'm the liaison librarian to Education at StFX! 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>

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 fully asynchronous courses, and various courses that incorporate both synchronous and asynchronous pedagogy. 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 2020 Convocation?

Saturday December 5, 2020

See Frequently Asked Questions for instructions on how to apply.

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