

## The Niitsitapi Teacher Education Program

The Faculty of Education at the University of Lethbridge is offering a five year combined degrees program and a four semester after degree program in teacher education with Red Crow Community College beginning in Summer 2004. The Niitsitapi Program incorporates the use of the Blackfoot language and other cultural components of the Blackfoot community.

The Faculty of Education welcomes students who want to be capable, caring and dedicated teacher-students with the attitudes, personal attributes and potential to work positively and effectively with Blackfoot children and youth. This program will specifically train teachers for teaching within the Blackfoot culture.

Students will receive a broad range of practical experiences from school, elementary to secondary, with a strong emphasis on integrating practice with theory. Students develop a strong knowledge base in the subject area they intend to teach, including both general and subject area instructional methods.

The University's commitment to liberal education requires students to spend two years of study (20 courses) in the Faculty of Arts and Science before being admitted to the Faculty of Education. After admission to the Faculty of Education students must complete a minimum of two years (20 courses) and the remaining requirements of the selected program.

Upon completion, graduates will receive a Bachelor of Education degree and will be recommended to Alberta Education for teaching certification. This certificate permits a graduate to teach Grades K-12 in the Province of Alberta.

## Prerequisites To The Faculty Of Education

- A minimum of twenty (20) semester courses with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 out of 4.0
- A minimum of designated courses in a teaching subject major with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 out of 4.0 (see back for complete list)
- Credit in Education 2500 including a favorable recommendation from the instructor. Education 2500 is a one semester practicum based course entitled Orientation to Teaching.

Students may request a waiver of Education 2500 based on 120 hours of classroom experience.

- Successful completion of the Writing Proficiency Requirement in any one of the following ways:
  1. 75% or higher on Alberta English 30 Diploma examination
  2. Final grade of 80% or higher on English 30 or its equivalent from any province.
  3. "B" grade or better in a university English course or Writing 1000
  4. Passing the Alberta Universities' Writing Competency Test (AUWCT)
  5. Passing grade in the "Writing for University" course
  6. Completion of University of Calgary Effective Writing Requirement.
  7. Completion of a recognized degree from an English language university
- Completion of special admission requirements in specific majors as follows:

**Art** - completion of an acceptable interview and essay

**Career & Technology Studies (CTS)** – Business Focus-completion of a keyboard proficiency requirement

**Drama** - completion of an acceptable portfolio, performance audition and interview

**Music** - completion of an acceptable performance audition and interview

**Native Education** - completion of five courses in a school subject minor.

**Physical Education** - completion of a physical education and sport activities report

- Demonstrated knowledge of the Blackfoot language through one of:
  1. Blackfoot 30
  2. Satisfactory grade in a post-secondary Blackfoot course
  3. Letter attesting to spoken Blackfoot
  4. Interview with Admission Committee
- Demonstrated interest in Blackfoot culture through an interview with the Admission Committee
- Evidence of Blackfoot descent provided by copy of Treaty Card or letter.

**Application Deadline:**  
**June 01, 2004**

## Program Outline

This outline describes the current Teacher Education program. Blackfoot culture, content and language will be integrated into all elements and a number of specific courses will be developed within this program.

### PRE-EDUCATION

Completion of prerequisites listed on the center inside panel.

### ADMISSION TO THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION

#### B. ED. PROGRAM

##### SUMMER 04

2 Courses (1.5 credit each) pertaining to Blackfoot culture required for all students. Date to be announced.

FALL 2004	SPRING 2005
<b>Prof. Semester I</b> Five courses Curriculum and Instruction Educational Psychology Language in Education Evaluation of Learning Teaching Seminar Communication Tech.	<b>Prof. Semester II</b> Four courses Curriculum and Instruction For Majors Atypical Students Social Contexts Evaluation of Learning
Practicum -125 hours	Practicum - 150 hours

FALL 2005	SPRING 2006
Education Foundation Education course Education course	<b>Prof. Semester III</b> Five course equivalent including Internship

Remaining courses for the Combined Degrees program or major deficiencies not completed prior to admission to the Faculty of Education.

## Teaching Subject Majors

The minimum designated requirements to qualify for admission to the Faculty of Education are:

**ART** - Eight semester courses in Art.

**CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES: BUSINESS FOCUS** – Eight semester courses in a B. Mgt or Commerce major

**DRAMA** - Eight semester courses in Drama.

**ENGLISH** – Eight semester courses in English or eleven Humanities courses from three areas including five in English.

**MATHEMATICS** – Eight semester courses in Mathematics, Computing, and Statistics or eleven Science courses from three areas including five in Math/Stats.

**MODERN LANGUAGES** - Eight semester courses in French or German.

**MUSIC** – Eight semester courses in Music

**NATIVE EDUCATION** - Eight semester courses in Native American Studies or eleven Social Science courses from three areas including five in Native American Studies.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION** - Eight semester courses in Kinesiology/Physical Activity or eleven Social Science courses from three areas including five in Kinesiology.

**SCIENCE** – Eight semester courses in Biology, Physics, Chemistry, or Physical Geography or eleven science courses including five in Biology, Physics, Chemistry, or Physical Geography.

**SOCIAL STUDIES** – Eight semester courses in Anthropology, History, Geography, Political Science or Sociology or eleven Social Science courses from three areas including five in Anthropology, History, Geography, Political Science or Sociology.

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