



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

Faculty of Education

Expanded Admission Information Handout

The University of Winnipeg affirms the values of equal opportunity, equity, and social justice. In keeping with these values, the Faculty of Education has established a policy of expanded admission to help us recruit a group of education students who generally reflect the diversity of the population of Manitoba. This policy is in addition to our Access Program at the Winnipeg Education Centre and the Community-Based Aboriginal Teacher Education Program.

Students who wish to be considered for Expanded Admission must indicate this on the Expanded Admission Student Application Form included with their application and provide supporting documentation. Applicants must be residents of Manitoba. Applications are reviewed on an individual basis and interviews may be required. Applicants are ranked among themselves and not against the general applicant pool. Expanded Admission applicants applying to the first year of the Integrated Program must meet minimum admission requirements. Expanded Admission applicants applying as Transfer or After-Degree candidates must meet minimum admission requirements and have a cumulative GPA of 2.0. Students on Probation or Not Allowed to Continue status are not eligible to apply.

Students admitted under the policy of Expanded Admission will be required to meet the same standards for progression and graduation as other students.

Note: Not all spaces may be filled.

Category 1: Aboriginal Peoples in Canada

An applicant may apply for Expanded Admission if the applicant is considered to be an Aboriginal person. An Aboriginal person is someone who identifies as a member/citizen of an Aboriginal Nation, Tribe, Band, Settlement, community or government and has been accepted as a member/citizen of that Nation, Tribe, Band, Settlement, community or government.

Applicants must provide proof of Aboriginal identity and acceptance at the time of application. One of the following will be accepted as proof for application purposes:

- a. a copy of a Status or Treaty card;
- b. a copy of a Métis membership card;

- c. a copy of a Nunavut Trust Certificate card, roll number or any other proof accepted by Inuit communities;
 - d. proof that an ancestor's name has been entered
 - 1) in the Indian Register according to the Indian Act, or
 - 2) on the band list of an individual band, or
 - 3) on the Inuit roll;
 - e. evidence of an ancestor who received a land grant or a scrip grant under the Manitoba Act or the Dominion Lands Act;
 - f. written confirmation of Aboriginal ancestry from the Department of Indian Affairs;
 - g. written confirmation of membership by a band council which has enacted its own band membership code;
 - h. a Statutory Declaration by an applicant attesting to Aboriginal ancestry, supplemented by letters or documentation supporting the Declaration
 - 1) from an official of a recognized native organization, or
 - 2) from a relative in an Aboriginal community, or
 - 3) from the applicant describing involvement with Aboriginal issues.
 - i. Written confirmation of membership/citizenship with an Aboriginal government that has assumed control of its own membership/citizenship jurisdiction under a self-government agreement or Treaty, or by an Aboriginal government that has assumed control under its inherent governance authority as an exercise in self-determination.
- Candidates applying to the Integrated Program: Maximum 5 spaces
 Candidates applying to transfer into the Program: Maximum 2 spaces
 Candidates applying to the After-Degree Program: Maximum 3 spaces
 Candidates applying to the Business Education Program: Maximum 1 space
 Candidates applying to the Industrial Education Program: Maximum 1 space

Note: If the applicant is under 18 they may provide a copy of their parents' card as proof of Aboriginal Status.

Category 2: Visible Persons

An applicant may apply for Expanded Admission if the applicant is considered to be a visible person. Visible persons are generally defined as individuals, other than Aboriginal peoples, who because of ethnicity or colour are visible in Canada.

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Category 3: Special Consideration

An applicant may apply for Expanded Admission if their educational performance has been hindered by circumstances such as:

- a. barriers resulting from personal experiences related to ethnic identity
- b. first language other than English
- c. interruption of education by war or refugee experience
- d. a permanent disability which has been formally diagnosed and supported with medical documentation
- e. a previous attempt at university which is not representative of student's ability.

Applicants applying for special consideration under points a – e must include a 1 - 2 page written statement with their application describing the factors that have prevented them from achieving a competitive G.P.A. in high school and/or university and include supporting documentation (if applicable). For Transfer and After Degree applicants this statement would accompany the mandatory autobiography that all applicants must submit.

- f. a GPA below 2.5 but with documented, successful classroom experience

Applicants in this category must:

- have at least 24 months of recent (within the past 5 years), full-time experience working in a classroom, daycare (does not include home daycare) or before & after school program
- have 24 months of experience completed by December 31 of the year prior to their application to the Faculty of Education
- provide documentation of 24 months of full-time employment
- include a supporting letter of reference from their supervising teacher or principal. This would be in addition to the 2 letters normally required of After Degree and Transfer applicants.

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