

Brock Teacher Education Program

Spring 2023 Optional (Non-Credit) Courses

Why Take Optional Courses?

- **Position yourself for success in the practicum placements you want.** Do you want to have a placement or teach in a Catholic school or a kindergarten classroom? Optional courses allow you to gain additional insight into the unique structures of these types of placements.
- **Build a unique professional portfolio.** The job market for beginning educators is competitive. Optional courses allow you to stand out from the crowd. Although non-credit, they do appear on your transcript/official record of education.
- **This is your professional degree – enjoy it!** Optional courses, like optional professional development events, allow you to explore the topics you care most about, in greater depth, with people who share your interest. (Note: unlike professional development workshops, regular course fees apply to optional courses.)
- **Manageable commitment.** Optional courses are generally weighted as 18 hours of instructional time (unless otherwise noted). Most are delivered online.

Religious Education Optional Course

The Religious Education (Roman Catholic) course, EDBE 8N50, is strongly recommended for Teacher Candidates requesting practicum placements in a Catholic Board. This preservice Catholic Religion course may be required or may enhance opportunities to obtain employment in some Catholic School Boards.

Please note that most Boards also require teachers to take the Religious Education Part 1, Additional Qualification (AQ) course, EDUC 9F08, during the first two years of teaching.

Please Note: These Optional Religious Education courses are not a substitute for Part I of the OECTA/OCSTA Religious Education course. They are designed to implement the Guidelines in Preparation of Students to Teach Religion in Catholic Schools approved by the Institute for Catholic Education, the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association, and the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association.

EDBE 8N50

Religious Education (Roman Catholic) Primary/Junior/Intermediate/Senior

Introduction to the history of Catholic schools and education. Role of Christian belief and tradition, belief and behaviour in the curriculum and instruction process as found in the Catholic schools in Ontario and as defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Although this is a non-credit course, it is **36** hours and fees will be charged at the half credit weighting. Materials fee required.

Open to: P/J/I/S Consecutive Year 1, Concurrent Year 5 and 4th Year Concurrent students with a minimum of 17.5 credits

Location: Offered online. (Online instruction and assignments)

Dates/Times: Duration 5 May 15 to August 7, 2023

Instructor: Angelina Gallo (agallo@brocku.ca)

**NOTE: This course does not replace the additional qualification courses EDUC 9F08 and EDUC 9F09.*

EDBE 8N55

The Occasional Teacher

Addresses strategies that occasional teachers can employ to implement effective classroom management techniques, preparing to teach a wide range of subjects and grade levels. Although this is a non-credit course, it is 18 hours and fees will be charged at the quarter-credit weighting.

Open to: P/J/I/S Consecutive Year 1, Concurrent Year 5 and 4th Year Concurrent students with a minimum of 17.5 credits
Location: Offered online (Online instruction and assignments)
Dates: **Duration 4** May 15 to June 26, 2023
Instructor: Bryan Clancy (bclancy@brocku.ca)

While these courses are **non-credit**, course fees do apply. For more information regarding these fees: <https://brocku.ca/safa/tuition-and-fees/overview/teacher-education/>

For more information on these courses: [Click here](#)

Courses begin May 15.

Registration is open and spaces are still available in all courses.

Courses with low enrolment by end of day on May 11 may be cancelled at the discretion of the program.