

Brock Teacher Education Program

Fall/Winter 2021-2022 Optional (Non-Credit) Courses

Why Take Optional Courses?

- **Position yourself for success in the practicum placements you want.** Do you want to teach in a Catholic school? Some placements would benefit from unique qualifications and optional courses allow you to gain these.
- **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.

EDBE 8N15

Environmental/Outdoor Education

Approaches to and philosophies of outdoor/environmental education and its development. Application of skills and knowledge in curricular decision-making processes. 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 & 2 and Year 5 & 6 Concurrent students; also open to Year 4 Concurrent students with a minimum of 15 credits.

Location: Hamilton Campus*

Dates/Time: Face-to-face* sessions will run on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Duration 9 (Fall term - October 18 to November 26)

October 23, November 6, November 20

Duration 17 (Winter term - March 21 to April 29)

March 26, April 9, April 23

You must participate on all 3 dates.

Instructor: Ryan Kasperowitsch (rkasperowitsch@brocku.ca)

**Delivery format/location may change due to the changing environment of CoVid-19*

NEW!! EDBE 8N20

Invention Literacy: Making and Makerspaces P/J/I Classroom

This course focuses on effective teaching and learning strategies for integrating a maker-mindset into elementary school classrooms. This course is for risk-takers looking to step out of their comfort zone and develop rich learning experiences to engage all learners. The 'maker culture' focuses on those 21st century competencies (e.g., collaboration, creativity, and problem solving) which teachers seek to instill in students. Learn how practicing teachers throughout Ontario and beyond are incorporating makerspaces into their classrooms, engaging students in STEAM based activities that are both engaging and directly linked to the Ontario curriculum. Although this is a non-credit course, it is 18 hours and fees will be charged at the quarter credit weighting. Teacher candidates will receive free technology and tools as part of this course.

Open to: P/J/I Consecutive Year 1 & 2 and Year 5 & 6 Concurrent students; also open to Year 4 Concurrent students with a minimum of 15 credits.

Location: Hamilton Campus*

Dates/Time: Face-to-face* sessions will run on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Duration 17 (Winter term - March 21 to April 29)

March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9, April 16, April 23

Please note that the first date is prior to the official duration start date

Instructor: Lee Martin (email teaccounts@brocku.ca with any questions)

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EDBE 8N46

Special Topics—Early Primary Learning in Kindergarten Classrooms

Developmental experience of the young child and the philosophical and pedagogical foundations of the full-day kindergarten program. Although this is a non-credit course, it is **36** hours and fees will be charged at the half-credit weighting.

Open to: P/J Consecutive Year 1 & 2 and Year 5 & 6 Concurrent students; also open to Year 4 Concurrent students with a minimum of 15 credits.

Location: Online – asynchronous (Online instruction and assignments)

Dates/Times: **Duration 5** (Fall term - August 30 to November 26)

Duration 15 (Winter term - January 31 to April 29)

Instructor: Kendall Cappellazzo (kcappellazzo@brocku.ca)

**NOTE: This course does not replace the additional qualification course EDUC 9F04.*

