

Brock Teacher Education Program

Fall/Winter 2022-2023 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? A Kindergarten classroom? 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.

Fall Duration 16 Course Dates: October 8, October 29, November 12

Winter Duration 9 Course Dates: March 4, March 11, March 18

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.

Winter Duration 3 Course Dates: February 4, February 11, March 4, March 11, March 18, April 1

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

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

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 2** (Fall term – September 6 to December 6)

Duration 14 (Winter term - January 30 to April 28)

Instructor: Kendall Cappellazzo (kcappellazzo@brocku.ca)

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

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 & 2 and Year 5 & 6 Concurrent students; also open to Year 4 Concurrent students with a minimum of 15 credits.
Location: Offered online – asynchronous (Online instruction and assignments)
Dates: **Duration 7** (Winter term - January 9 to February 17)
Instructor: Bryan Clancy (bclancy@brocku.ca)

Religious Education Optional Course

If you are planning to practice teach or apply to a Catholic school board, it is strongly recommended that you take this course. Catholic school boards expect teacher candidates to be familiar with the Catholic expectations and content during their practice teaching.

Please Note: The optional Religious Education course is not a substitute for Part I of the OECTA/OCSTA Religious Education course. It is 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. Successful candidates will receive a "Letter of Successful Completion" to be included with their applications to Catholic school boards.

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 & 2 and Year 5 & 6 Concurrent students; also open to Year 4 Concurrent students with a minimum of 15 credits.
Location: Offered online – asynchronous (Online instruction and assignments).
Dates/Times: **Duration 2** (Fall term – September 6 to December 6)
Duration 14 (Winter term - January 30 to April 28)
Instructor: Angelina Gallo (agallo@brocku.ca)

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

For more information on these courses: <https://brocku.ca/webcal/2022/undergrad/edbe.html>

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

Deadline for registration: Fall term courses – **August 26, 2022**
Winter term courses - **December 16, 2022.**

Courses with low enrolment after these dates may be cancelled.

If you have any difficulty registering for any of these courses, email teaccounts@brocku.ca for assistance.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!