

# **Teacher Training and Teacher Certification**

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## 23.1 INTRODUCTION

The Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) certifies teachers for the primary and secondary schools of the province, following completion of an approved 120-credit program. This certification is also subject to legislative provisions on judicial antecedents and satisfying the requirements of a MELS-approved test of English language proficiency. The MELS recognizes Concordia University as a centre for teacher training. Concordia offers three MELS-approved programs that grant teaching licences (*brevets d'enseignement*). Because Concordia University has chosen not to organize its teacher training programs into a single Faculty, the programs are listed under different Faculties and departments. Students interested in pursuing teacher training and certification are asked to consult with the appropriate Faculties and academic departments for further information. These are:

### **Faculty of Arts and Science**

Department of Education (See §31.090 and §31.090.1)

- Bachelor of Arts (BA), Specialization in Early Childhood and Elementary Education (120 credits)
- Bachelor of Education (BEd), Specialization in Teaching English as a Second Language (120 credits)

### **Faculty of Fine Arts**

Department of Art Education (See §81.40)

- Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), Specialization in Art Education – Visual Arts (120 credits)

Concordia offers other certificate and diploma programs. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar for certificate programs, and the School of Graduate Studies Calendar for diploma and graduate certificate programs.

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## 23.2 ELIGIBILITY/ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

It is important to review the admissions regulations (see §13.3) and residency requirements (see §16.1.3) for eligibility in the MELS-approved programs.

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## 23.3 APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AND CERTIFICATION

Application forms are available from the Office of the Registrar. In addition, a separate department application form is required for the BA Specialization in Early Childhood and Elementary Education and for the BEd Specialization in Teaching English as a Second Language. These application forms should be downloaded from the Department of Education's website: [doe.concordia.ca](http://doe.concordia.ca). Prior to graduation, forms to apply for teacher certification are available from the Office of the Registrar.

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## 23.4 CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Permanent teacher certification in Quebec is only available for Canadian citizens and students who have landed immigrant status or who hold an appropriate work permit in accordance with Immigration Law of Quebec (L.R.Q., I-0.2).

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## 23.5 ASSISTANCE

Graduates of Concordia University with certification problems should contact:

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