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Teacher Candidate Weekly Updates Jan 7, 2022

Winter Class Delivery

In response to many requests from students and the university's plan for a gradual return to campus, the Faculty of Education offered multi-modal delivery of courses for the winter 2022 semester: Online, in-person, Hy-flex, and Distant Education (DE). Unfortunately, following the recommendations of provincial and local health authorities, the university made a decision to move to online delivery until at least till January 31. In compliance with the university policy, all Faculty of Education courses are now offered online until January 31 at least. As per the directive from the university, you will be provided with two weeks notice of any return to in-person classes. Scheduled online and Distance Education sections will remain the same throughout the semester.

Students were assigned to in-person, online, or DE courses based on their preferences which were provided to the faculty in a survey conducted in December. It is no longer possible for students to switch between the two versions. The faculty has worked diligently with the Registrar's Office on some issues that are associated with the complexity of schedule. Thank you for your patience to those who have been affected by these issues.

Reporting an Illness

Given the ongoing health-related concerns, the University has made the decision to extend the use of the student self-report of illness interface for the Winter 2022 semester.

All students are asked to use [UWinsite Student](#) to report an illness that will prevent them from attending in-person instruction, completing an assignment on time or taking an exam for a specific course.

Report your illness <https://www.uwindsor.ca/returntocampus/475/reporting-illness>

Attendance Policy

As members of a Professional Association, the Ontario Teacher's Federation seeking certification by the Ontario College of Teachers, our teacher candidates are expected to demonstrate both academic and professional integrity. This requires commitment to and attendance at all classes, Professional Learning Series, and practicum assignments. Irregular attendance and unsubstantiated absences will result in referral to the Associate Dean. Chronic absenteeism provides grounds for requiring a teacher candidate to be withdrawn from the program.

With absences due to illness, bereavement, religious observance or other compassionate circumstances, the candidate is responsible to notify all professors and upon return required to satisfy missed academic requirements within a reasonable time frame for all absences.

Chronic unexcused absences, more than 3 classes in any course in any semester will result in the teacher candidate being referred to the Associate Dean and be placed on academic probation and/or have their practicum postponed. Absence from classes results in gaps in the learning and therefore inadequate preparation for the field placement.

If a teacher candidate has an Accommodation by the Accessibilities Office, clarity on informing the Associate Dean's office and professors regarding the accommodation is the responsibility of the student and the Accessibilities Office.

OCT Sexual Assault Prevention Training

All Ontario Certified Teachers, applicants, and re-applicants are required to complete an online sexual abuse prevention program. The program is being offered at no cost and is available as of January 3, 2022. Applicants who complete their application on or after January 1, 2022 must successfully complete the program to be considered eligible for certification.

- The program consists of a series of video modules
- is available in French and English
- is entirely online and can be completed over multiple sessions
- is only considered complete after the individual has viewed all modules and passed the assessment component with a minimum score of 80 per cent
- can be retaken by individuals who do not successfully complete initial attempts.
- It will take approximately three hours to complete. It can be completed all at once or taken over multiple sessions.

<https://oct.ca/becoming-a-teacher/requirements/sexual-abuse-prevention-program>

Contact for Questions

<https://www.uwindsor.ca/education/contact>