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PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE 2026 – 2027

Mount Royal University and Medicine Hat College Collaborative Bachelor of Education

The purpose of this program planning guide is to help students track their progress within their chosen program. The information in this planning guide is accurate at the time of printing and is subject to change without notice. It is the students' responsibility to ensure the accuracy of their program and course choice. Students should use the program planning guide dated the year in which they began the program. This guide should be used in conjunction with the official version of the Medicine Hat College Calendar, and calendars of appropriate transfer institutions, which are the final authorities regarding program requirements.

- This collaborative program is a 4-year Bachelor of Education degree with an Elementary Specialist Major and Humanities Minor. With successful completion of this degree, graduates will be certified to teach K-12 in Alberta. The Elementary Specialist Major offers curriculum and instruction courses in six subject areas: English Language Arts, Science, Mathematics, Integrated Arts, Physical Education, and Social Studies. The Humanities Minor includes courses in English, Art History, History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies. Major practicums in third and fourth year will be placed in K-9 classrooms, in and around Medicine Hat.
- This program is **not** direct entry. Students must complete 20 courses of pre-approved coursework, prior to admission to the Mount Royal University Faculty of Education in their third year. Some students may choose to complete these 20 pre-education courses over the span of more than two years, but students must be enrolled in University Transfer: Education for at least two years in order to complete all 20 pre-education courses. These courses are listed on the second page of this document.
- The 20 pre-education courses must be completed prior to May 1st of the same year a student plans to apply for the Mount Royal Faculty of Education. For example, May 1st, 2028, for a fall 2028 intake.
- This is not an after-degree program, nor is there an after-degree admissions route available.
- Students apply for admission to the Mount Royal University Faculty of Education while in their second year of study (or the academic year their 20 pre-education courses will be completed). Instructions on how to apply to the Mount Royal University Faculty of Education will be emailed out prior to applications opening in October. There are 40 to 44 seats available. Admission is competitive and based upon Grade Point Average (GPA).

Admission GPA will be calculated using the final grades of 13 courses (or their equivalencies): EDTS 232, EDTS 234, EDTS 321, EDTS 325, EDTS 371, an Education Elective, GNED 210, GNED 220 or 221, GNED 230 or 232 or 234, ENGL 252, ENGL 202 or 203, HIST 231 or 233, and a Humanities Minor.

- Early admission GPA is calculated in January using the final grades of the 13 courses listed above that are complete by January 5th (an applicant does not need to have all 13 courses complete by this date). To be considered for early admission, an applicant must apply by the Early Admission Application Deadline for MRU BEd – please see the Academic Schedule. We will offer admission for up to 25 early admits. These offers will be conditional on the grounds that an applicant maintains a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher in their winter semester classes (and must remain in all winter semester classes). Withdrawal from one or more courses would mean the applicant's early admission offer may be revoked.
- Regular admission GPA is calculated in May using the final grades of the 13 courses listed above. To be considered for final admission, an applicant must apply by Regular Admission Document Deadline for MRU BEd (if they did not apply for early admission) – please see the Academic Schedule. The document deadline will be May 1st. We will offer admission for the remaining seats available. Applicants only need to apply to the Mount Royal University Faculty of Education once per academic year to be considered for both routes.
- If admitted to the faculty, students complete the remaining two years of their degree at the Medicine Hat College campus. Students' official transcripts are held with Mount Royal University. Students are charged Mount Royal University tuition rates for years three and four. Graduates of this collaborative program receive degree parchments identical to Mount Royal University graduates in Calgary.
- With admission to the third year being competitive, it is important to consider a parallel plan or to plan for more than one university. If applying to more than one university, it is important to note that not all courses taken in the first two years may transfer.
- For more information or assistance with your program, please contact the Academic Advising office at (403) 529-3819.

Year One and Two Pre-Education Courses (20 courses/60 Credits)

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Education Requirements

	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
1	EDTS 232 [4 CR] (lec/tu/pr): <i>Professional Dimensions of Teaching I</i>		
2	EDTS 234 [4 CR] (lec/tu/pr): <i>Professional Dimensions of Teaching II</i> Prerequisite: EDTS 232		
3	EDTS 321 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Education Psychology for Teaching</i> Corequisites: EDTS 232 or EDTS 234		
4	EDTS 325 [4 CR] (lec/lab): <i>Tools for Teaching and Learning in the Digital Classroom</i> Prerequisite: EDTS 234		
5	EDTS 371 [4 CR] (lec/pr): <i>Language Development and Literacy in Schools</i> Prerequisite: EDTS 234		
6	Education Elective (one of): ARED 310 [4 CR] (lec): <i>Introductory Art Experience for Teachers I</i> Prerequisite: EDTS 234 (recommended) OR KNES 281 [3 CR] (lec/lab): <i>Introduction to Movement Activities of Children and Youth</i>		

General Education Requirements

	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
7	GNEED 210 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Scientific and Mathematical Literacy for the Modern World</i>		
8	GNEED 220 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Text and Ideas</i> OR GNEED 221 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Aesthetic Experience and Ideas</i>		
9*	GNEED 230 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Citizenship Without Borders</i> OR GNEED 232 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Building Communities in a Changing World</i>		
10	ENGL 252 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Introductory Composition</i>		
11	GNEED Cluster 1 Tier 2 ¹ [3 or 4 CR] <i>Numeracy and Scientific Literacy</i>		
12	GNEED Cluster 4 Tier 2 ¹ [3 or 4 CR] <i>Communication</i>		

*GNEED 234 can also meet requirement #9 if completed prior to July 2025.

¹Please refer to ELECTIVE LIST for course options.

Humanities Minor Requirements

	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
13	ENGL 202 [3 CR] (lec): <i>The Art of the Story: An Introduction to Literature</i> OR ENGL 203 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Identity and Invention: An Introduction to Literature</i>		
14	HIST 231 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Histories of Canada to 1867</i> OR HIST 233 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Histories of Canada Since 1867</i>		
15	PHIL 201 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Philosophy: Knowledge and Existence</i> OR PHIL 230 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Philosophy: Sex and Love</i> OR PHIL 249 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Philosophy: Values and Ethics</i>		
16	RELI 201 [3 CR] (lec): <i>World Religions: Western</i> OR RELI 203 [3 CR] (lec): <i>World Religions: Eastern</i> OR RELI 205 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Why Religion Matters</i>		
17	Humanities Minor ² [3 CR]		

² Choose a 300 level Art History, English, History, or Philosophy to meet this requirement. It must transfer to Mount Royal University as a 2000 level Art History, English, History, or Philosophy. Please refer to ELECTIVE LIST for course options. If you choose a 300 level English course, requirement #10 and #13 must be completed first with 'C-' minimum grades.

Elective Requirements³

	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
18			
19			
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³ Course choices must transfer to Mount Royal University. Please refer to the ELECTIVE LIST for course options.

Please be advised that prerequisite courses require a minimum grade of 'C-' to advance to subsequent courses. Refer below to the 'Continuation Requirements' for details on specific grade expectations.

Continuation Requirements:

- Successful completion of 20 courses/60 credits of approved university transfer coursework (a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0)
- A minimum **B (3.0) in EDTS 232 and EDTS 234**
- A minimum **C- (1.7) in ENGL 252 and ENGL 202 or 203**
- Meeting the minimum admission requirements for consideration does not guarantee acceptance. This is a competitive program so only the most academically qualified students are accepted first.