



Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher Education Program: Application Information for 2020/2021 (Ontario Residents) Faculty of Education, York University

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Application Deadline: **March 15, 2020**

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for expressing interest in York University's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher Education Program. We are proud to be able to offer this program, and we are pleased that you are considering joining us.

Since changes to admission policies can occur from year to year, we advise that applicants read the information package related to the upcoming academic year and not refer to admission information from previous years. Admission information for the current year may be subject to change. Prospective students should check the website <http://edu.yorku.ca/academic-programs/deaf-hard-of-hearing-education/> for the most up-to-date information.

Admission Requirements:

Admission requirements include the following:

1. Membership in good standing with the [Ontario College of Teachers \(OCT\)](#) with no terms, conditions, limitations and/or restrictions which must be maintained throughout the program.
2. B.Ed. with a minimum grade-point average of B in both academic and practicum courses.
3. Documentation of two successfully-completed American Sign Language (ASL) courses.
Note: Two courses are equivalent to *approximately* 60-hours of face-to-face instruction from a recognized college/university or community-based (e.g., Canadian Hearing Society) program.

Important Information About the Program:

York University's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher Education Program is the only one of its kind in Ontario and one of few across Canada, it prepares qualified teachers to work with students who are deaf or hard of hearing in a variety of educational programs and across the full range of communication/modality options. The program is offered on a full-time(residents of Ontario) or part-time (residents of Ontario & non-Ontario residents) basis in a combination of face-to-face and online formats.

Please take the time to read about the [Full-Time](#) and [Part-Time](#) Programs and be sure that you understand the requirements and commitments involved to complete the program; applicants can only apply to one of these in an academic year.

All Teacher Candidates must complete 400 hours of practicum (320 hours of direct teaching and 80 hours of observation). Teacher Candidates may be required to travel outside of their preferred geographical area and will be responsible for all expenses incurred during practicum placements. Some practicum placements will require Teacher Candidates to travel to several different schools during a single practicum block. It is important that Teacher Candidates have their own method of travel in order to commute to each school. Mentor Teachers are not permitted to drive Teacher Candidates to placements.

Part-time Teacher Candidates will complete their practicum placements in the third year of the program. Part-time Teacher Candidates who are working are required to arrange for leaves of absence with their school boards or employers in order to fulfill the practicum requirements. If currently employed, it is strongly recommended that Teacher Candidates discuss the practicum requirements with their school boards and school administrators at the time of applying to the program.

All Teacher Candidates are required to attend their host school Monday to Friday inclusive for the full school day during their 20 consecutive day practicum block(s).

Please note that the practicum requirements are the same for both the full-time and part-time programs.

York University's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher Education Program carefully selects host schools that will offer Teacher Candidates exposure to different teaching settings. For this reason, applicants cannot find their own practicum placements.

Upon acceptance of an offer of admission, all Teacher Candidates will be required to provide a current, original Criminal Record Check that includes a Vulnerable Sector Screening to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher Education Program office, as required by Provincial Law. **Do not include this documentation with your application package.**

Graduates of the program earn a Post-Baccalaureate Diploma from York University, and are recommended to the Ontario College of Teachers for the qualification, "Teaching Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing", with a specialization in either ASL Communication, or Oral/Aural Communication.

Admission to York University's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher Education Program is a competitive process for a very limited number of spaces. Fulfillment of minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Selection is based on: teaching experience; interest in and experience with Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals; academic background; volunteer experience; personal statement; and three letters of reference. The strength of one applicant's file is relative to the rest of the applicant pool for that given year. Please be advised that the number of spaces in the program is limited. Not all applicants who meet the minimum requirements can be offered admission.

There is a \$60.00 non-refundable application fee that is due by the application deadline. Tuition for this program is subsidized by the Ontario government for Ontario residents. Therefore, no tuition fees are charged to Ontario residents. Teacher Candidates are required to pay material fees for some courses and to purchase textbooks and other personal learning materials; these materials are not subsidized.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application, fees and all supporting documentation is received in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher Education Program by the published deadlines. Applicants must read all instructions carefully. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

All applications are reviewed by the Admission Committee after the March 15th deadline. Only applicants who are short-listed will be contacted for an interview. Contact with applicants will be made using email throughout the process as appropriate. All applicants will receive an email with the final decision of the Admission Committee by early May.

We thank you for your interest in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher Education Program at York University!

Questions?

Please contact the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher Education Program office by phone at (416) 736-5971 or by email at deafed@edu.yorku.ca Office hours are Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.