



Memo

Date: January 27, 2022

To: Deans and Directors of Faculties of Education
Registrars, Faculties of Education
General Secretaries, Ontario Teachers' Federation and Affiliates
Directors of Education
Supervisory Officers, Human Resources Departments, District School Boards
Principals Organizations
Secretaries, School Authorities

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Providers of Additional Qualification Programs

From: Dr. Derek Haime, OCT
Registrar and Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **Expanded Temporary Certificate**

On January 13, 2022 the Teachers' Qualifications Regulation was amended to expand the temporary certificate program to first year Ontario teacher candidates. The Government of Ontario expanded this program due to the critical shortage in teaching staff as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This memo has been developed for faculties of education that deliver programs of professional education and school board personnel who support employment of candidates or support them in their practical experience assignments.

The College is issuing this memorandum in accordance with its mandate to protect the public interest and maintain public confidence in the regulation of the teaching profession. Faculties, school boards and the College all have a critical role to play in ensuring student safety. In particular, faculties will play a pivotal role in the selection of whom they report as eligible/suitable candidates.

Ontario teacher candidates in a consecutive or concurrent teacher education program can apply for the temporary certificate if they have been reported by their faculty as meeting the eligibility criteria.

Faculties should only report candidates who:

- are expected to successfully complete their Ontario program of professional education in 2022 or 2023;
- have, as of the date of their application, successfully completed a satisfactory portion of the practicum (successful completion of at least 10 days of practicum); * and
- have made satisfactory progress in their program (successful completion of at least the first semester of the program or successful completion of a minimum of 12 post-secondary teacher education credits, including a combination of methodology and foundation courses). *

***Faculties may go beyond these minimum requirements. The College will respect Faculty decisions and the professional judgment of Deans in the reporting of their teacher candidates as they are uniquely positioned to identify who is prepared for the responsibilities of holding a temporary certificate. Faculties make these decisions within the context of the accreditations of their teacher education programs and work with the College towards the overall goal of excellence in the profession.**

Faculties may only report candidates for one of the two types of temporary certificates:

- 1) **2022 Temporary Certificate** – For those who are set to successfully complete their initial teacher education program in 2022. This certificate expires on December 31, 2022 with a possible six-month extension in extenuating circumstances upon request.

OR

- 2) **2022-2023 Temporary Certificate** - For those who are set to successfully complete their initial teacher education program in 2023. This certificate expires on December 31, 2023 with no possibility for extension.

In order to be granted the temporary certificate, candidates must first have applied to the College for the general or transitional certificate and also have applied for the temporary certificate, paid all necessary fees and met all other applicable certification requirements.

For concurrent program teacher education candidates who have not been conferred an undergraduate degree at the time of application, faculties must also submit in addition to the faculty report, an attestation that these candidates have met all requirements to be granted the undergraduate degree.

Applicants must successfully complete the Sexual Abuse Prevention Program prior to being granted a temporary certificate. Find out more about the [Sexual Abuse Prevention Program](#).

Teacher candidates to whom a temporary certificate is granted, are expected to complete all required program components including course work, attendance, and practicum days.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the College at 416-961-8800, (or toll-free in Ontario at 1-888-534-2222), or by email at allaccred@oct.ca.

Sincerely,

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