Secondary Program

The secondary program is designed to prepare subject specialists for secondary schools. The programme has a special education focus to better equip candidates to meet the needs of individual learners. This programme cannot be taken through part-time study.

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Admission Requirements (Secondary):
**Please check back often for up-to-date requirements.*

In Nova Scotia a three (3) credit hour course identifies a course which is usually one semester (half year) in length; a six (6) credit hour course usually takes place over a full academic year.

For admission to our program, and for eventual teacher certification by the Nova Scotia Department of Education, applicants must have the following academic prerequisites. (Italicized statements are copied directly from the Nova Scotia Department of Education regulations.)

1. *A concentration of at least thirty (30) credit hours of university coursework in a (one) discipline taught in Nova Scotia secondary schools as outlined in the Public School Program; a maximum of six (6) credit hours of cognate* university coursework may be included in fulfillment of this requirement.* [First Teachable]

2. *A concentration of at least eighteen (18) credit hours of university coursework in a (one) discipline taught in Nova Scotia secondary schools as outlined in the Public School Program; a maximum of six (6) credit hours of cognate* university coursework may be included in fulfillment of this requirement.* [Second Teachable]

It is preferable to have two distinct disciplines from different subject fields, although not required. The subject fields, and the recognized disciplines within each, are as follows.

Note: The Acadia School of Education provides coursework towards teacher certification in the following subject fields.

Subject Fields	Recognized Disciplines
English	English
French	French
Mathematics	Mathematics (Secondary Mathematics FAQs)
Science	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology/ Earth Sciences, Environmental Studies, Oceanography
Social Studies	History, Geography, Political Science, Law, Sociology, Economics, Classics, African-Canadian Studies, Acadian Studies, Mi'Kmaq
Physical Education	Physical Education, Kinesiology

Fine Arts..... Music**
Technology Education..... Technology Education, Computer Science
(**Music may only be used as a second teachable with special consideration.)

***Cognate Coursework:** Cognate coursework refers to work in a credited course that is significantly similar, or analogous, in its content to the discipline for which credit is allocated; for example, Classics as History, Communications as English, etc. If cognates are a consideration, we will assess your transcripts upon receiving your application.

Academic Exemption:
For admission to the **16 month consecutive program**, if a candidate has met all but 3 credit hours of the admissions requirements and has justifiable reasons for requesting an academic exemption, he or she *may* be granted an exemption with the understanding that this credit will need to be completed to meet Nova Scotia teacher certification requirements. Each request for an exemption is evaluated on an individual basis by the B.Ed. Selection Committee.