

Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies (GCES)

The Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies (GCES) is designed to help students develop English language and academic skills necessary to succeed in TRU's Master of Education (MEd) program.

Direct-entry international students who require English upgrading will be required to successfully complete up to five levels of TRU's English as a Second Language program before entering TRU's MEd program. In addition to the ESL courses, students will be required to successfully complete three graduate level courses.

Students who meet English language requirements, but require academic upgrading, will be required to complete three graduate courses prior to admission in TRU's MEd program.

Students wishing to upgrade their GPA in order to ease the transition to TRU's MEd program may also choose the GCES program.

The GCES is considered a standalone Graduate Certificate that completes qualifications for admission into TRU's MEd program. **Note:** Credits received in GCES do not transfer to the TRU MEd program.



Admission Requirements

- Four-year undergraduate degree from an accredited institution
- GPA of 2.5 on a 4-point scale
- Language requirements as outlined below
- Letter of intent (250 words)
- Three letters from professional or academic referees

Intended for two categories of students:

- those with English skills insufficient for admission directly into TRU's Master of Education (MEd)
- those who meet English language requirements for admission to graduate studies at TRU and who need to upgrade their GPA and/or ease the transition to TRU's MEd

Course Structure

Language Requirements	Courses	Qualify for TRU's Master of Education!
IELTS 6.0 (no bands below 5.5), or TOEFL 550 with a TWE of 4.0 (paper-based test), or 213 with an essay of 4.0 (computer-based test), or 80 (ibt)	2 ESL courses 3 Graduate Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDUC 5000 Learning about Learning • EDUC 5600 Research Institute: Language, Culture, and Community • EDUC 5990 Special Topics in Education (Academic Writing in a Graduate Context) 	
IELTS 5.5 (no bands below 5.0), or TOEFL 530 (paper-based test), or 197 (computer-based test), or 71 (ibt)	4 ESL courses 1 elective (optional)	
Less than above	TRU ESL only	