Bachelor of Education Program
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- Two year program
- Options include:
  - □ Secondary Education
  - □ Elementary Education
  - □ Middle Years Option
- 11 weeks of field experience in each year of the program

Admission Criteria

- Academic Standing
- Life Experiences and Community Involvement
- References
- Essay on why you want to be a teacher

Elementary Requirements

- Undergraduate Degree
- 9 credit hours in Social Studies
- 6 credit hours in English (or French if the degree is in French)
- 6 credit hours in Science

Elementary Requirements (continued)

- 6 credit hours in Math including 3 of math fundamentals
- 3 credit hours in Developmental Psychology
- Cognate coursework may be permitted

Secondary Requirements

- Undergraduate degree
- A minimum of 30 credit hours in a subject field taught in Nova Scotia secondary schools
- A minimum of 18 credit hours in a second teachable subject field

Secondary Requirements

- Additional teachable subjects enhance potential for acceptance and employment
- Cognate coursework may be permitted

Secondary Subject Specializations

- English
- French (Core & Immersion)
- Mathematics
- Physical Education – Kinesiology, Human Kinetics

Secondary Subject Specializations

- Science – Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology/Earth Sciences, Oceanography, Environmental Science
- Gaelic – Celtic Studies, Gaelic

Secondary Subject Specializations

- Social Studies – History, Anthropology, Political Science, Law, Sociology, Economics, Classics, Geography, African Canadian, Mi'kmaq, or Acadian Studies
- Diverse Cultures

Secondary Subject Specializations

- Fine Arts – Music, Dance, Art, Theatre Arts, Drama
- Family Studies – Nutrition, Sociology, Biology, Child Studies, Family Science
- Spanish
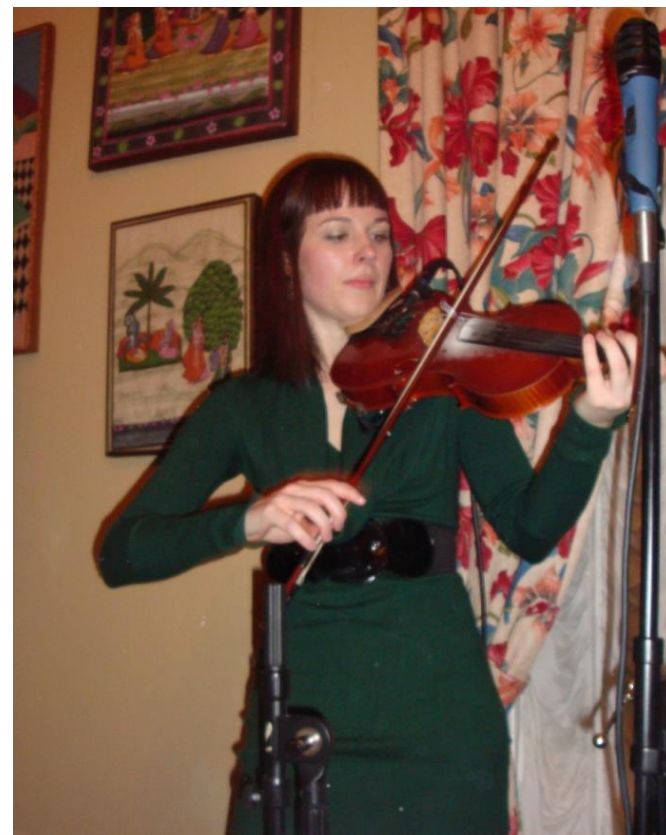
Family Studies Option

- The three threads in the Family Studies curriculum are Foods and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, and Family Dynamics.

- Students applying for a Family Studies teachable must have two of the three threads covered in their undergraduate subject concentrations.

Family Studies Course Distribution

- In a 30-credit major for Family Studies, the preferred breakdown would be 18 credits from Nutrition and 12 credits from subjects addressing the Family Dynamics thread.

- Since there are few university options which address the Clothing and Textiles thread, our practice is to offer an elective within Education to make up this deficiency

Family Dynamics Options

Courses which would satisfy the Family Dynamics requirement:

- Business Admin 231, 345
- Economics 101, 102, 241, 335, 336
- History 308, 309
- Psychology 100, 240, 260
- Sociology 100, 210, 215, 241, 290, 325, 364

Family Studies Opportunities

Normally we have between 2 and 5 Family Studies specialists graduating each year. All of our previous graduates were employed immediately in schools in locations including:

- Alberta
- Manitoba
- Nunavut

- England
- China
- Nova Scotia

Admission Timeline

- Deadline for Applications – *January 24*
- Application Screening – February
- Interviews – February - March
- Notification & Confirmation – March - May

Program Features

- Two Year Program
- 22 Weeks of Field Experience
- Strong Continuity of Course to Field
- International Opportunities
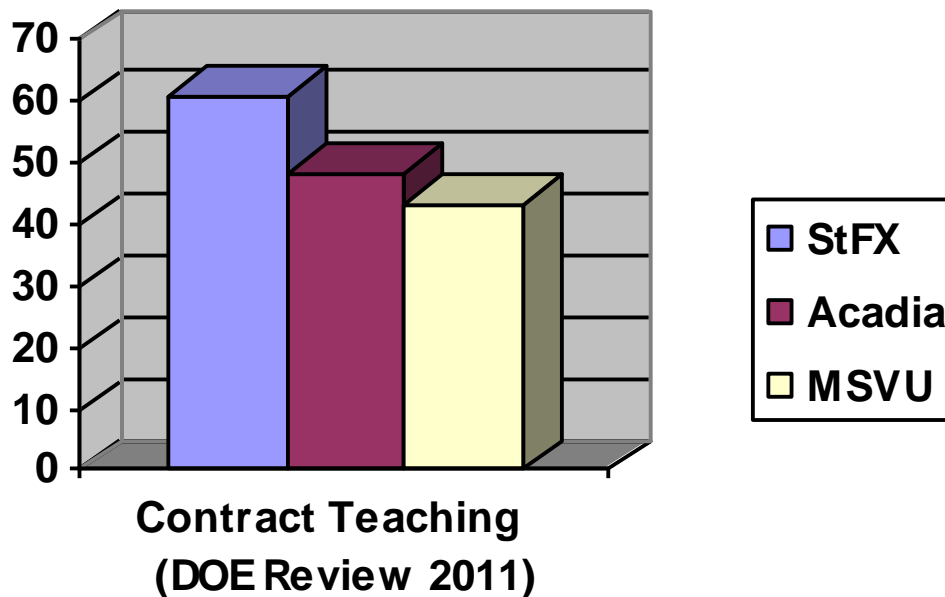- National and International Reputation

Highlights

- Community
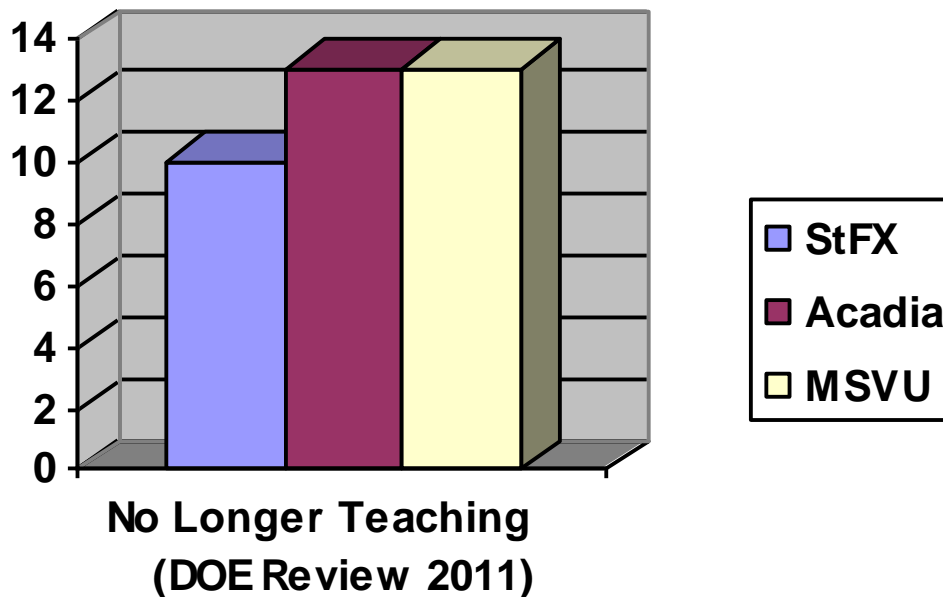- Variety of Courses
- Student Involvement

Studies Say:

- More StFX graduates are employed in contract positions following graduation

Contract Teaching

(DOE Review 2011)

Studies Say:

- **Fewer StFX graduates leave the teaching profession following graduation**

Bar chart: "No Longer Teaching (DOE Review 2011)" with y-axis from 0 to 14. StFX ≈ 10, Acadia ≈ 13, MSVU ≈ 13. Legend: StFX, Acadia, MSVU.

Studies Say:

- More StFX graduates would make the same choice of program if they were to do it again

Would Choose the Same Program (DOE Review 2011)

Legend: StFX, Acadia, MSVU
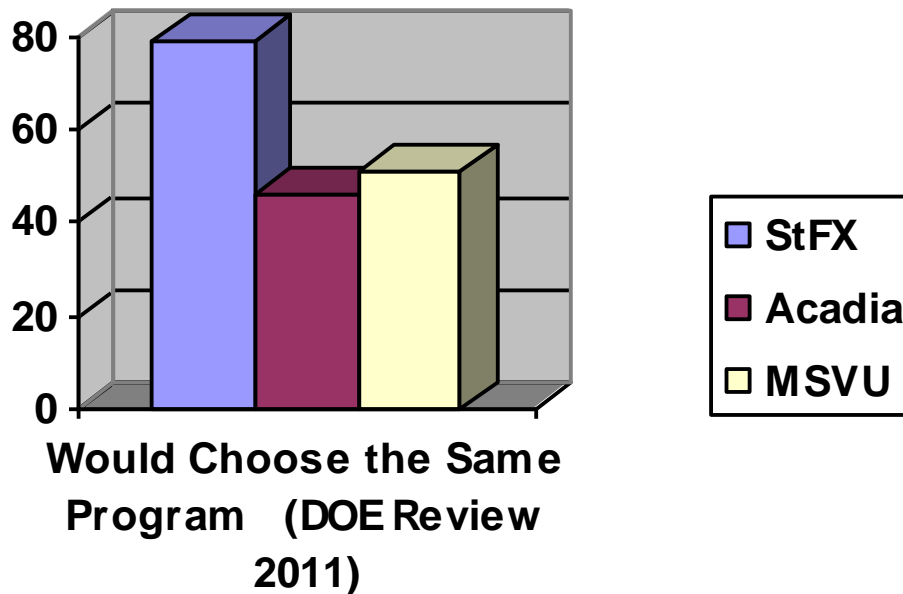
Studies Say:

- **More StFX students rate their teaching experiences as excellent.**

"Excellent" Ratings
(DOE Review 2011)

Legend: StFX, Acadia, MSVU
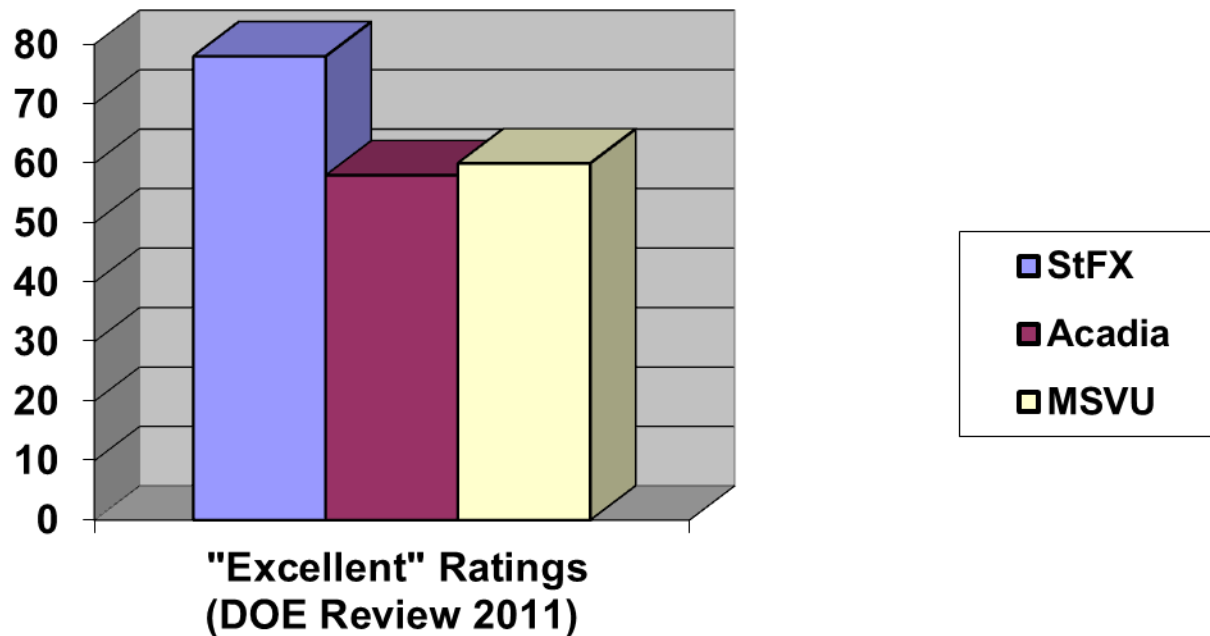
Studies Say:

- More StFX students chose the institution because of program reputation.

Reputation of Program (DOE Review 2011)

Legend: StFX, Acadia, MSVU
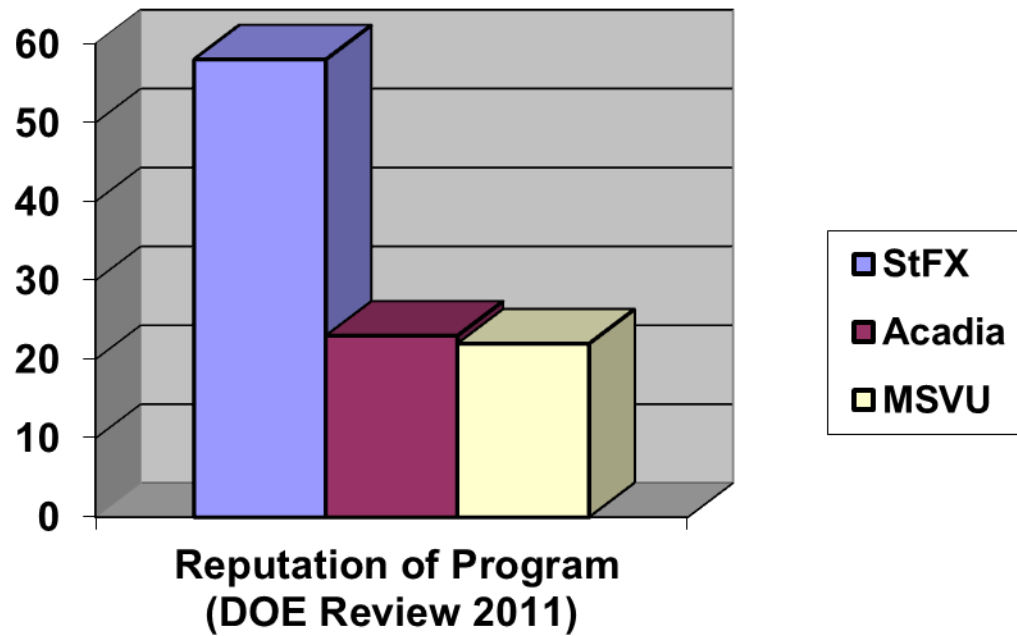
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