



Master of Education (MEd) Funded Thesis Optionⁱ

For the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 academic years, StFX will again be offering significant financial support to a limited number of MEd thesis students for up to two years of study. This degree can be completed in either stream: **Curriculum and Instruction** or **Educational Administration and Policy**.

It is expected that students will be in a position to complete this degree in two years (an extension to this timeline is possible, see below). Students who opt to participate in this program must:

- Complete a Thesis Declaration Form and secure a thesis supervisor *before July 1, 2026*;
- Meet with the Department Chair to map out **Year 1 courses, guaranteed teaching assistantship (TA) opportunities**, and potential research assistantship (RA) possibilities *before July 1, 2026*; and
- Be geographically available on campus, visit campus regularly, be engaged in academic work full-time, and *normally* not be engaged in full-time work on or off campus.

COURSES REQUIRED

The courses required for this degree are listed below:

Curriculum & Instruction	Educational Administration & Policy
EDUC 534 Introduction to the Foundations of Education	
EDUC 505 Introduction to Educational Research	
EDUC 527 Principles of Learning	EDUC 533 Dynamics of Change
EDUC 532 Curriculum Theory	EDUC 561 Leadership and Administrative Theories
EDUC 536 Program Development	EDUC 573 Professional Development and Supervision
EDUC 507 Qualitative Research Methods in Education	
EDUC 599 Thesis	

The following is an overview of a typical course schedule, tuition support, teaching assistantship (TA) opportunities, research assistantship (RA) possibilities, and teaching possibilities.

I. TYPICAL TWO-YEAR SCHEDULEⁱⁱ

Year 1				Year 2				Year 3	
SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	TERM A	TERM B
534 505	527, 532, 536, 507 or 533, 561, 573, 507			599				Continuation, if required ⁱⁱⁱ	
6 CR	12 CR			12 CR				3 CR	3 CR

II. TUITION SUPPORT

Year 1				Year 2				Year 3	
SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	TERM A	TERM B
Full tuition \leq \$7845(NS) or \leq \$8615(CAN) StFX tuition support = \$4500				Full tuition \leq \$5526(NS) or \leq \$5911(CAN) StFX tuition support = \$7500				None	

III. TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS (TAS)

Year 1				Year 2				Year 3	
SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	TERM A	TERM B
Guaranteed = \$3000 TA, in one academic year (6-9 hrs/week; typically applied in Year 1)							None		

IV. RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS (RAS)^{iv}

Year 1				Year 2				Year 3	
SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	TERM A	TERM B
Possible \leq \$2500-\$7500, depending on availability and expertise				Possible \leq \$2500-\$7500, depending on availability and expertise				None	

V. TEACHING POSSIBILITIES^v

Year 1				Year 2				Year 3	
SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	TERM A	TERM B
Possibility of one course (field experience), and up to three courses (\$7750 per course)				Possibility of one course (field experience), and up to three courses (\$7750 per course)				None	

Questions regarding this funded MEd thesis program can be addressed to the Department Chair, Dr. Daniel Robinson at drobinso@stfx.ca.

ⁱStudents able to commit to completing the program over two years may be eligible for a funding package as outlined in this document. There are a limited number of funding packages available, annually.ⁱⁱOther than EDUC 534, all of these classes will be online. However, if numbers warrant, additional courses could be in-person. ⁱⁱⁱIf students do not complete the thesis requirements by the end of year two, they will incur a continuation fee into year three (and would be considered part-time students). ^{iv}Potential RA opportunities are dependent upon funding by supervisors or other faculty members. ^vStudents who already have a graduate degree (e.g., a course-based MEd) will be offered paid employment as faculty advisors for field experience supervision (7 students = one 3-credit course). If students have the requisite experience and expertise to teach other Bachelor of Education (BEd) courses and/or MEd courses, they may be able to teach additional courses.