

# Master of Education (MEd) Funded Thesis Option

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
<b>EDUC 534</b> Introduction to the Foundations of Education	
<b>EDUC 505</b> Introduction to Educational Research	
<b>EDUC 527</b> Principles of Learning	<b>EDUC 533</b> Dynamics of Change
<b>EDUC 532</b> Curriculum Theory	<b>EDUC 561</b> Leadership and Administrative Theories
<b>EDUC 536</b> Program Development	<b>EDUC 573</b> Professional Development and Supervision
<b>EDUC 507</b> Qualitative Research Methods in Education	
<b>EDUC 599</b> 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 SCHEDULE<sup>ii</sup>

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 <sup>iii</sup>	
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 ≈ \$7845 (NS) or ≈ \$8615 (CAN) StFX tuition support = \$4500				Full tuition ≈ \$5526 (NS) or ≈ \$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)<sup>iv</sup>

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

## V. TEACHING POSSIBILITIES<sup>v</sup>

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](mailto:drobinso@stfx.ca).

<sup>i</sup>Students 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.<sup>ii</sup>Other than EDUC 534, all of these classes will be online. However, if numbers warrant, additional courses could be in-person. <sup>iii</sup>If 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). <sup>iv</sup>Potential RA opportunities are dependent upon funding by supervisors or other faculty members. <sup>v</sup>Students 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.