Message from the Associate Dean:
Dr. Amy Burns, PhD

The teaching profession is an inspiring, exciting choice and one that has great impact on current and future generations. At the Werklund School of Education, we take this commitment to children and youth to heart by providing excellent teacher education programs that are both informed by and grounded in work with our school partners, the Alberta Teachers’ Association and Alberta Education. As such, the Bachelor of Education program is highly responsive to the needs of school districts today while also attentive to the future of Education. Whether you choose to study on campus or through our blended community-based program, you will encounter instructors, curriculum and practicum opportunities that are grounded in research, theory and practice. The key principles of our program entail deep understanding of a teachable subject area where you will also learn to read and interpret curricula in other disciplines, a deep and meaningful commitment to the teaching profession that includes engagement with the broader educational community, and enhanced community engagement through our incredible service learning and international experiences. Werklund graduates are known for their excellence upon completing the program and are often sought after for employment by school districts around the province. We encourage you to become part of the next generation of teacher leaders with the Werklund School of Education.
What our students say:

I was attracted to the Werklund School of Education because I would like to be a teacher who bases my practice on real research perspectives and I think Werklund does that very well.

I feel that the Werklund program meets my needs and availability as a mom and full-time employee.

The Community-Based program is perfect for me. It allows me to excel in the comfort of my own rural community while still managing my finances and being involved in different activities at home.

I still remember my conversation with you on my last day of class last year, where I thanked you for designing an amazing, reflective, teaching program. I also confessed to you how at the beginning I did not get it, but in the last practicum it all made sense. Today, as I prepare my speech to accept CBE (Zone 5) nomination for the Edwin Parr Award, that recognizes excellent first-year teachers, I am sending you a message with the same gratitude. I wish you could extend it to all the teachers that I had the honor to meet and learn from in 2013-2015.

Natalie B. was sent to our class to be a student teacher and I absolutely loved her she was super kind and really helpful for everyone. She had amazing lessons and speaks really good french. She was super positive and gave us all her devotion and time to help everyone in a different way.

Why choose the Werklund School of Education?

Over $1 million in Bursaries and Scholarships available to Werklund Undergraduate Students

Werklund School undergraduate students are eligible to apply for more than $1.2 million in bursaries and scholarships to support their learning. Travel and research grants are also provided to students to present their work at local, national and international conferences.

Recognized Leader of Creativity and Innovation in Teacher Education

Werklund School of Education achieved international recognition as a recipient of the “Shifting Minds Award” recognizing 21st Century Leadership in Learning and Innovation. New groundbreaking courses respond to the directives at a provincial and international level, and are leading the way that are relevant for today's evolving world.

Employee of Choice

School jurisdictions in Calgary and the surrounding area have identified Werklund School graduands as their employee of choice. The largest School jurisdictions in the province has consistently hired Werklund graduands as their number one choice of employee.

Teaching Across Borders

Werklund students have the opportunity to participate in an international placement in the final year of their program. Students can apply to volunteer teach, experience a new culture, and share and receive knowledge regarding teacher education and teaching practice in a range of diverse settings.

20 weeks of Integrated Field Experience

Werklund students experience field experiences throughout their undergraduate Education program. The field experience component is integrated with other courses to ensure that all courses are relevant and applicable to the teaching profession.

Service Learning

More than half of Werklund students augment their learning in collaboration and partnership with community learning organizations. This connects students’ academic learning with real-life experiences and societal issues, bolstering their confidence and skills to take on more complex educational opportunities.

Which pathway is the right one for you?

Two Year After-Degree

If you have already completed a degree and are now interested in pursuing your dream of becoming a teacher, this is the program for you. The After-Degree program is a four semester, two year full time degree that leads to a Bachelor of Education, and eligibility for certification through Alberta Education to teach in Kindergarten through Grade Twelve.

Four Year Degree

The four year on campus program is targeted to High School or Transfer students who have not yet completed a degree. If you are certain of your career path, and you want to be a certified teacher in the shortest allowable time period, this is the program for you.

Five Year Concurrent Degree

The Concurrent Bachelor of Education offers you the opportunity to obtain both an undergraduate degree – from the Faculties of Arts, Science, or Kinesiology – and a Bachelor of Education. At the end of the program, you will receive two undergraduate degrees as well as being eligible for certification through Alberta Education to teach in Kindergarten through Grade Twelve.

Community-Based Pathways

The Four Year and Two Year After-Degree Community-Based Bachelor of Education pathways allow students in rural and remote areas to remain in their communities for the majority of their studies, while receiving excellent instruction and advisory support.

Two Year After-Degree Community-Based

If you have already completed a degree, live in a rural area in Alberta and wish to pursue a career in Education, this pathway will allow you to take courses in a blended learning environment and gain field experience in your local area.

Four Year Community-Based

If you wish to pursue a career in Education and live in a rural area in Alberta, this pathway will allow you to take courses in a blended learning environment and gain field experience in your local area.