

To Whom It May Concern,

The purpose of this letter is to introduce you to our undergraduate Teacher Education Stream (TES) here at Trent University.

- **These students are NOT Teacher Candidates**
- **These students are seeking a 30-hour volunteer placement**

The TES differs from our B.Ed. program in many ways. Students within the Stream are all undergraduates pursuing their first degree in one of the many departments within the university. In addition to this, they have elected to focus on education alongside their other subject studies. As part of their experience within the Teacher Education Stream, students are required to complete placements in a variety of educational settings.

The major difference of the TES is students are not yet Teacher Candidates and not studying for a B.Ed. Many of them have this as their long-term goal, but they are currently studying for their first degree and exploring aspects of education at the same time, in order to make informed decisions in the future. They need to complete 30 hours of placement each year, and we would be extremely grateful if you would consider allowing them to come and volunteer within your setting. If the setting is a school, the student may be asked to work one-to-one with individual students, to help as a classroom assistant, and to start to get a feel for the environment in which they may ultimately work.

The experiences they gain will be invaluable to them as they start to explore education as an academic discipline, leading to students progressing into the B.Ed. program with a diverse range of very relevant experiences. Placements for the B.Ed. continue to be sought and organized by the Practicum Office.

Thank you so much for your on-going support of our students.



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