

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why work with CANTEACH?

CANTEACH was specifically created to take care of Canadians regarding their Teacher Certification overseas.

EVERY CANTEACH student who has applied through CANTEACH has been accepted to at least one, usually both, university choices applied to. In some cases, students only need to apply to one university as designated spots are available for CANTEACH students. Some applicants will receive direct offers at specific universities from Mike Johnson (ie. the University of the Sunshine Coast).

Mike Johnson ensures you get accepted. Placements are allocated at each university for CANTEACH applicants because CANTEACH streamlines the Teacher Certification process. You will be taken care of from your initial inquiry through to the Certification workshop you receive where you are studying abroad. Instructions and advice are provided by CANTEACH for each step of the entire process.

Is this Certificate valid in ON/Canada?

Yes (qualified). Completing the program allows you to obtain the Teaching Certification in the jurisdiction you are trained (Australia, New Zealand, Scotland and Wales). That certification allows you to apply for certification in Ontario, via the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT), or other governing Board in Canada. Mike Johnson has taken all CANTEACH students through this certification process. All CANTEACH students have been eligible to apply for certification in Canada and have been certified in Canada.

How do I apply for my Teaching Certificate?

CANTEACH offers a Certification Workshop, given by Mike Johnson, at the university you are attending abroad before your program completion. This certification and the procedure to apply back in Canada are covered in this workshop. All CANTEACH applications to Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) have been successful to date. CANTEACH and the universities represented by CANTEACH have an excellent working relationship with the OCT and their governing boards.

How do I start to consider my options?

You can consult the CANTEACH Teachable Table to research your options and programs that you will be able to attend. A typical decision may include:

- Your teaching interest: Primary or Secondary
- Teachables: if you want to teach Secondary (High School)
- Geography: location of the university and surrounding area
- University facilities and activities available
- Tuition cost, cost of living, accommodation options
- Your impression of the university and interactions with Staff

Call Mike Johnson at **1-866-488-6700** toll free after 5pm in ON (EST). I want to talk to you directly, person-to person, for your initial phone consultation to help you with starting and understanding the process that I will take you through.

Is the University I want to attend/apply to reputable?

All CANTEACH represented universities are regulated by strict governing guidelines to maintain university qualifications in each particular country. These universities work closely with the OCT, and other governing Boards across Canada, to assist students in their certification back to Ontario/Canada. Mike Johnson and CANTEACH represented universities meet with the



OCT each year to review current regulations and issues within the Teacher Education profession, specifically relating to certification and registration in Ontario. All CANTEACH Universities have been visited by Mike Johnson. All CANTEACH Universities with Teacher Training programs submit all the appropriate documentation and materials to the OCT and attend annual liaison meetings each fall.

What degree am I getting?

You will receive a Graduate Diploma in Teaching in Australia and New Zealand, a PGCE/PGDE (Post Graduate Certificate/Diploma in Education) in Wales (PGCE) and Scotland (PGDE). This degree allows you to apply for your Teaching Certificate in the jurisdiction or country in which you are trained. The Teaching Certificate you obtain abroad allows you to apply back in Ontario/Canada for certification.

How much does tuition cost?

The Canadian Dollar is very strong in comparison of late. Tuition costs average approximately \$10,000-16,000 CDN on average. Australian programs range from \$14,800-\$19,500 AUD. New Zealand programs range from \$16,900-\$28,100 NZD. Scotland and Wales' programs range from £6,695-£8,800 GBP. Check out the Tuition Table on the insert of this booklet for university tuition fee comparisons.

Around how much does it cost all together?

Return Flight: \$2,000 CDN (AUS/NZD)
Tuition: \$13,000-\$16,000 CDN
Living Expenses: \$1,200 CDN per month includes rent, utilities, food and travel. This is a realistic budget for a student as most tend to be traveling around. It is recommended that you budget for additional travel as you make your way back to Canada so you can take advantage of the opportunity to do so.

Do I pay any other fees?

Student VISAs, applications for certification, etc., all have fees associated with them. They are paid directly to the governing organization.

Are there additional courses I have to complete when I come back?

No, not in Ontario. You only need to apply for your certification with OCT. The Certification process is covered by the on-site Certification Workshop by Mike Johnson at the University you are studying at abroad.

How do I get a Student VISA?

CANTEACH, and the university you will attend abroad, will provide instructions on how to obtain a Student VISA. Each application and country has a set of instructions that comes with the Student VISA application forms. You will work directly with the CANTEACH Universities on this. Depending on the country and Teachers College you attend, differing amounts need to be paid in order to apply for your Student VISA. Australia requires the first semester, or approximately half of your tuition; New Zealand requires the full tuition to be paid; Scotland and Wales require a deposit (ie. £1500-£2000 GBP) in order to apply for your Student VISA.

Can I work?

YES. 20 hours a week.

What do CANTEACH services cost?

One time \$50.00 application fee.

What is this for?

This is a gate-keeping fee to make sure CANTEACH applicants are serious. The fee includes application advisement, teachable selection to appropriate universities, costs advisement, Student VISA advisement and assistance, tuition payment advisement, travel advisement and student loan advisement. We need CANTEACH students to be serious about their applications to Teachers College. CANTEACH Universities want qualified and serious applicants to apply. Each university puts a lot into the process of acceptance to attend their institution.

What is CANTEACH's primary goal for me?

CANTEACH's objective is to see you accepted to one, or both, of the two universities you select to attend. All CANTEACH applicants have been accepted to one, or both, of their two chosen universities applied to.

What key items are taken care of in ON with CANTEACH?

CANTEACH guarantees to see you certified after you have



successfully completed your program. A FREE Certification Workshop is provided by Mike Johnson at the university you attend abroad. This workshop guides you through the certification process back to Canada. CANTEACH helps you with your application, acceptance, payment of your tuition, Student VISA application, student loan and travel.

Why do I need CANTEACH? Can I do this on my own?

You would be going through this the first time. The first time through anything can be tedious and hard work. Mike Johnson has the experience of taking care of hundreds of students over the years. This process relies on CANTEACH Universities taking care of Canadian students. I guarantee that this process will be made easy for you. As a liaison, CANTEACH has contacts at all governing boards to help solve problems that may occur including teacher registration, VISA application, acceptance and travel.

How do I start the application process?

Contact Mike Johnson toll-free to discuss and confirm your options at **1-866-488-6700** anytime, best after 5pm in ON. All CANTEACH applicants receive the application forms and instructions for completing the application process for their university choices. Interview tips in New Zealand, Scotland and Wales are offered to ensure successful entry.

Does CANTEACH do any presentations?

Yes. Mike Johnson does presentations in Canada in March and October/November. Phone consultations available throughout the year, anytime. Video copies of the presentation are sometimes available at your University Career Services offices.

Can I make an appointment to meet?

Yes. Typically, a telephone meeting takes place first. Mike Johnson and University representatives will meet with you at the university you are attending in Canada to go over your options and questions. Often, these meetings are arranged in conjunction with CANTEACH presentations, university fairs and pre-departure meetings.

AFTER YOUR ACCEPTANCE

What about accommodation?

Your accommodation is organized after you are accepted as an international student. There are 3 accommodation options:

1. On-campus, self-catered, 4-6 bedroom unit with shared kitchen (grad residence)
2. On-campus, catered (cafeteria, undergrad residence)
3. Off-campus, rental accommodation
 - a. Find your own apartment
 - b. Find your own house
 - c. Go into an established rental situation, room with others already living
 - d. Home stay, stay with a family in their house

Who organizes the accommodation?

Students are responsible for the arrangement of their accommodation. Typically, students need to inform the university of their preference by filling out an application for university-assisted accommodation. These forms must be filled out regardless of you staying on-campus or not. The universities have accommodation offices with lists of available off-campus rentals. All universities have residence options.

What happens immediately after I arrive?

Most universities arrange for (and some pay for) you to be picked up at the airport via airport shuttle. Students must provide the university/shuttle service with their flight details, and in some cases, fill out an arrival form. This form ensures pick up at the airport. Students will communicate directly with the university/shuttle service before their arrival.

Are scholarships available?

A number of Universities have set or reduced fees or offer Scholarships for CANTEACH students. This is already taken into account in the fee listing.

Scholarships available for CANTEACH students (may need application): VU – Wellington, Strathclyde
Reduced Fees: SCU, USC, UOW, UA, UO, Strathclyde, SMU, Trinity

Can I get a student loan?

Yes. You can obtain student loans via Canada Student Loans or OSAP. You can also apply for a student line of credit through any major Canadian bank (ie. RBC Royal Bank).

What is the program like?

Programs vary significantly but can be divided up into these basic components:

1. Education courses
2. Professional Studies courses
3. Subject/Curriculum Specialization courses
4. Teaching Practice

What is studying abroad like?

It is awesome! CANTEACH students love it with some never wanting to leave. Many students want to stay and seek employment. It is a great personal and professional growth experience living in Australia, New Zealand, Scotland or Wales for a year to obtain Teaching Certification. CANTEACH students are very busy traveling, touring and socializing during weekends and breaks. It is an experience of a lifetime.

Have you heard of the certificate programs in Buffalo? How do the costs compare?

Tuition in the US can be equal to, or more than, the cost of an entire year in Australia, New Zealand, Scotland or Wales. You

need to compare actual costs.

Can we meet after I am accepted?

Most students are accepted well in advance of the start date. An October pre-departure meeting (and information session) is offered for those attending Australia and New Zealand in February. The meeting takes place in Canada at your university, a university close to you, or a major hotel in Toronto. The March pre-departure meeting (and information sessions) are for students attending Australia and New Zealand for July start, and Scotland and Wales for September start.

What happens at the pre-departure meeting?

A pre-departure meeting is provided 3-4 months prior to your attendance. You will meet with university representatives and other successful applicants you will be going with, to discuss your acceptance, student visa application and the upcoming university experience.

How do I book my travel plans?

Downunder Travel has taken care of CANTEACH students exclusively for over three years. They ensure that all students are taken care of and have even called universities when flights were delayed! They will offer you the best price in the market. I guarantee that CANTEACH students would be well served to take advantage of the great service and price that Downunder Travel can provide. Downunder Travel will assist you, your family and friends to Australia and New Zealand. Contact Paula Czarnik, Travel Specialist at:

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Can I defer my acceptance?

Yes. CANTEACH and universities recognize circumstances that affect your ability to make your designated start date. Some programs at your chosen university may also be full for the term and a guaranteed spot will be available for the next start date (ie. 6 months or a year later).

A brief overview of the CANTEACH Application Process is provided on page 3 of this booklet and is also available in the electronic information package. For more comprehensive information, check out Apply Now at www.canteach.net. Website links for university choices are also provided for your best and most suitable option.

I look forward to hearing from you and talking with you soon.
Thanks, Mike

