

University of Prince Edward Island International Students

Are You Planning to Study
With the Faculty Of Education?



International Students Applying to the Faculty of Education,
University of Prince Edward Island

Arriving to Charlottetown

A warm welcome in advance of your arrival to UPEI. We are looking forward to meeting you here in Charlottetown! Please make sure your final destination is Charlottetown (YYG) airport. You may fly in to Charlottetown with Air Canada or WestJet airlines. We offer free airport pickup for new international students if we have enough notice to send somebody. If you choose to live with a Homestay family, they will meet you at the airport. To request airport pickup, you must fill out the [online Airport Pickup form](#).

If you have any problem filling out the form please contact the international office at UPEI 902 566-0576 (Reception) or Richelle Greathouse (International Student Advisor) 902-894-2850 (rgreathouse@upei.ca).

Residence

Unless you have already secured a room, it is advisable to look for an off-campus option. If you are staying in Residence and will arrive before the official move-in date, please let Residence staff know by email at residence@upei.ca. If your room will not yet be ready, you will need to stay in a hotel or elsewhere. Here are a few hotels in Charlottetown where you can book a room:

- Garden Gate Inn: (902) 892-3411
- Rodd Royalty Inn & Suites: (902) 894-8566
- Econo Lodge: (902) 368-1110
- Holiday Inn Express: (902) 892-1201
- Quality Inn and Suites: (902) 894-8572

Off-campus Housing

Please contact Richelle Greathouse (rgreathouse@upei.ca) for a list of off-campus rentals. This site might be helpful as well: <http://pei.kijiji.ca/f-real-estate-room-rental-roommatesW0QQCatIdZ36>. If you are interested in a Homestay arrangement, please contact Richelle Greathouse, Homestay and International Program Assistant, International Relations Office, T 902-894-2850, F 902-620-5107, rgreathouse@upei.ca. You can make inquiries and arrangements at: <http://www.upei.ca/iro/live-homestay-family>.

Orientation

Faculty of Education offers orientation sessions for international students at the beginning of the program. You will be notified by email about the date and time.

At UPEI, there is a one-day orientation (ISO) specifically for international and exchange students preceding the NSO (New Student Orientation), which is for all new UPEI students. You can register for both of these through your Campus Login at <http://upei.ca/campuslogin>, and see the schedule of events at <http://upei.ca/nso>. You are encouraged to attend both so you can get to know other students and your surroundings in a fun and helpful way.

Student Health Centre

- The Student Health Centre is located at Student Affairs, 2nd floor of the W.A Murphy Student Centre. The Centre is open Monday to Thursday. Contact them to make an appointment.

- Telephone: 566-0616 Email: healthcentre@upei.ca Please bring your UPEI student ID card. UPEI health insurance will cover the cost of the doctor's visit. For more information visit: <http://www.upei.ca/studentlife/student-affairs/health-services>

Health Insurance

- Every UPEI student must have health insurance. You were charged for this insurance as part of your fees. Coverage is from September 1 - August 31.
- Your health insurance card is usually available to be picked up at the end of October at the Student Union Office; 2nd floor W.A.Murphy Student Centre.
- If you need to see a doctor or go to hospital before your health card arrives, you just have to show your UPEI ID card and explain that the health cards have not yet arrived. If you need prescription drugs, Murphy's Pharmacy on St. Peter's Road, Parkdale, will hold the charges until your health card arrives. If you go to any other pharmacy (the closest one is in the Superstore), you will have to pay for the drugs but if you take your receipt to the Student Union Office, they will help you complete a form to get your money back.
- If you will be at UPEI for only one semester, you will have to pay the full cost of insurance in September, but your money will be refunded for the months you do not use.

Payment of fees

Fees for first semester are due in full two weeks after classes commence. Once you register for classes, your fees owing will be displayed on your campus Login. You can pay in person at the accounting office by debit card, at your bank by wire transfer, cheque, money order, or bank draft. For international students, the most recommended form of payment is Custom House:

<http://www.upei.ca/accounting/international-students-instant-pay-easyway>

Tuition and Fees - Payment Deadlines: <http://www.upei.ca/finance/accounting/fees/deadlines>

The Robertson Library

To find out about services and information resources available at the Robertson library, please visit the library website. You may also book an appointment with Melissa Belvadi who supports the research efforts of graduate education students on campus

Spiritual Services

- The Chaplaincy Centre in the middle of campus welcomes people of all faiths seeking a quiet place for meditation or prayer.

Career Services and Personal Counselling

- If you would like help identifying and planning for your future career, visit with a Career Counsellor. More information may be found at: <http://www.upei.ca/studentlife/student-affairs/career-services>.
- Counsellors are also available to speak with you about topics that you are not comfortable speaking to friends and family about. For example: a personal relationship, homesickness, feeling sad, or any problem that you need help solving. Visit <http://www.upei.ca/studentlife/student-affairs/counselling> for more information.

Academic Help for Students: Webster Academic Services

- Webster Academic Services, located on the 2nd floor of the W.A. Murphy Student Centre, offers various support programs to help students succeed at University.
- These services include: the Writing Centre, Accessibility Services, information about hiring a private tutor, academic coaching, the Student Success Program (SSP), the Options Program, and the Transition Program. Find more information at <http://www.upei.ca/studentlife/webster-academic-services>

Societies, Clubs, and Programs for Students

Society of International Students

- The Society of International Students (SIS) organizes social events and represents international students in student government and on University committees. Contact International Student Advisor, Richelle Greathouse (rgreathouse@upei.ca) for more information.

International Student Buddy Program

- The primary purpose of the International Student Buddy Program is to provide you- our international students, with individualized assistance for a smooth transition to your new country, culture, and environment. We are here to help you adapt and create friendships that you will cherish forever.
- The Buddy Program also offers the opportunity of being paired with a student at the beginning of the semester to help you develop your English skills. For one hour or more per week, you will meet with the student to assist them in learning English through conversation or writing exercises. Email buddy@upei.ca for more information.

Sports Centre and Pools

- Between September and April, full-time UPEI students may use all the sports facilities at no additional fee. This includes admission to all UPEI sporting events and one swim per day. Just give your UPEI ID number. Please see weekly pool schedule at: <http://www.caripei.ca/>

Bus Pass

- Your UPEI student ID card also functions as a Charlottetown city bus pass.

Campus Closures or Delays

- If the University is forced to close or delay opening, details will be available by: Radio Stations- Announcements will be made on local radio stations by 7:00 a.m. if possible. Stations contacted will be; Q93.1, Hot 105.5, Ocean 100.3, CBC Radio 96.1.
- UPEI Hotline- A recorded message will be made on the UPEI hotline, by 7:00 a.m. if possible. To access this information, please call 894-2882.
- UPEI Website- An urgent notice will be posted in red at the top of the news and events

bars of the UPEI website- www.upei.ca.

If your instructor has been delayed or the class has to be cancelled, you will be notified via email and Moodle as soon as possible.

Leaving Canada

- If you plan to leave Canada, be sure to see International Student Liason Christa Curran at least two month in advance of leaving so that she can make sure that your visa will allow you to return. If not, she will help you to apply for the appropriate re-entry visa.
- This is very important. If you do not have the proper visa, you will not be allowed to re-enter Canada and will be sent home at your own expense.

Scholarships

- As of this time, only a limited number of scholarships are available specifically for MEd students. You may want to check out the scholarships section of the [Student Life Scholarship and Awards](#) web page for further information and updates.
- The Scholarships and Awards Office invites applications for the International Graduate Student Awards from international students who are accepted into UPEI graduate programs, including MEd. Please visit the scholarships section for details.

Stay in Canada after Graduation

- To work in Canada after you graduate, you must apply for a work permit under the Post-Graduation Work Permit Program (PGWPP). If you want to stay in Canada as a permanent resident after you graduate, there are a number of programs available, each with its own requirements. You will find more information at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work-postgrad.asp>