**HOW TO APPLY**

**Dates to Apply**

The Link to apply will open on the Home Page of the Turtle Mountain College website on Friday, February 14, 2025.

Without exceptions, the three M.Ed. Reference Forms, Letter of Intent, and Resume must be completed and submitted at the online portal **with your completed TMC Admissions by** 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

Each applicant will be notified no later than Friday, May 23, 2025.

**The third cohort is capped at 12 students.**

**Requirements**

To proceed with the application process for the Master of Education program, you must meet the following minimum requirements.

* Have earned an Undergraduate degree (e.g., B.A., or B.S.) from an accredited institution in education or a related field
* Be admitted as a student to Turtle Mountain College. **General admissions to TMC does not guarantee the applicant a spot in the cohort.**
* Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in the last two years of your undergraduate degree.

Turtle Mountain College’s Master of Education program requires applicants to have a minimum cumulative GPA of **3.0 on a 4.0 scale** for admission. However, we recognize that GPA alone does not always reflect an applicant’s full potential or ability to succeed in graduate-level studies.

Applicants with a GPA slightly **below 3.0** may still be considered for admission based on a **holistic review** of the following factors:

1. **Professional Experience:** Demonstrated in your Resume success in an educational or leadership role, particularly in Indigenous or community-based education settings.
2. **In Your Statement of Intent for Admissions:** A well-articulated statement of purpose outlining the applicant’s educational goals, leadership philosophy, and reasons for pursuing the Master of Education degree.
3. **Evidence of Academic Preparedness:** Completion of relevant coursework, professional certifications, or other academic achievements that indicate readiness for graduate-level work.
4. **Commitment to Indigenous Education and Community Leadership:** A demonstrated dedication to serving Indigenous students, schools, or communities, aligning with the program’s mission and values.
5. **Additional Supporting Materials (if applicable):** Applicants may submit work samples, project summaries, or any additional documentation that showcases their qualifications and readiness for the program.

Applicants who do not meet the **3.0 GPA requirement** but present strong alternative qualifications may be admitted on a **provisional** basis, requiring successful completion of initial coursework with a **3.0 GPA or higher** to maintain enrollment.

**Step 1: Additional Documentation**

1. **References:** Applicants are required to have three references using the M.Ed. Reference Forms provided on the website. The Reference Forms are fillable PDF files. A minimum of two of the recommendations must be from professionals who can speak to your work ethic, your abilities, and your potential for graduate study.

1. **Statement of Intent**: Compose a 2-3-page statement of intent by addressing the questions below. *Please save and submit this document as a PDF file before you upload.* Your statement should be written by you alone and represent your original work.
   1. Your background: What key experiences have contributed to your commitment to work in the field of education or with education-related issues?
   2. What do you view as your most significant professional accomplishment(s) and your most significant professional challenge(s) to date? How did they inform your development?
   3. How do you currently incorporate the 7 Teachings in your work?
   4. What issues would you like to tackle in your career as a leader through this M.Ed.?

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Please note that the admissions committee **will carefully consider both the content and the writing** in its assessment of your candidacy for graduate study

1. **Current Resume:** Please submit an updated Resume.

## **Step 2: Review and Admissions Decision**

Application review process. All applicants must meet the requirements for admission to **both** TMC and the Master of Education Graduate Program.

Without exceptions, all required documents must be completed and submitted **with your TMC Admissions by** 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

* Each applicant will be notified no later than Friday, May 23, 2025, via email and official letter will be sent to the mailing address provided in your TMC admissions application.

**Upon Acceptance**

**Withdrawal of Offers of Admission**The Turtle Mountain College requires all applicants for admission to provide complete and accurate information. The College reserves the right to withdraw offers of admission under the following circumstances:

1. The conduct of an applicant is not consistent with the goals, purposes, values, and philosophy of the College as stated in the College catalog and the student handbook,
2. The misrepresentation of facts to the College by an applicant during the application, or the failure of an applicant to provide complete information as requested in the application process.

**The student must:**

1. Demonstrate professional behavior and accountability in all academic activities. The professional behavior would exemplify the embracement of the Seven Teachings.
2. Additional requirements are outlined in the Graduate Student Manual.