

Our History

The University of Alberta's Faculty of Education was established in the spring of 1942, making it the first Faculty of Education in Canada. John Chalmers (1992) says of the 43 men and women who received their diplomas in education and teacher certificates in 1942, "little realized the magnitude of the achievements that would come to the Faculty of Education during the next fifty years."

Today we are one of the largest education faculties in Canada, with four teaching departments and one school: Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Educational Policy Studies, Educational Psychology, and the School of Library and Information Studies.

Capsule Chronology of Faculty of Education

- **1906-1945:** Training of elementary and secondary teachers for service in Alberta school system provided by provincial Department of Education at three Normal Schools: Calgary Normal School (1906-1945), Camrose Normal School (1912-1938) and Edmonton Normal School (1920-1923, 1928- 1933, 1935-1945).
- **1912:** Education courses in history and philosophy first offered at the University of Alberta through Faculty of Arts and Sciences.
- **1939/40:** We become a College of Education.
- **1942:** We become a Faculty of Education, with one degree program, 12 course offerings and three full-time professors.
- **1945:** All Normal Schools in Alberta are merged into the University of Alberta's Faculty of Education. The faculty is located in Corbett Hall until 1962, before moving to the current Education Building.
- **1991:** The School of Library and Information Studies joins the Faculty of Education.

Sources

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Faculty of Education Deans

Over our seven-decade history, the following Deans have helped make this faculty rich in tradition and bold in vision.

- Milton Ezra LaZerte
1942-1950

- Herbert Edgar Smith
1950-1955
- Herbert Thomas Coutts
1955-1972
- Myer Horowitz
1972-1975
- Fred Enns (Acting Dean)
1975-1976
- Walter Holmes Worth
1976-1983
- Robert S. Patterson
1983-1991
- Harvey Zingle
1991-1996
- Larry Beauchamp
1996-2004
- Fern Snart (Acting Dean)
April 2004 - June 2005
- Fern Snart
2005-2015
- Randolph Wimmer (Interim Dean)
2015 - 2017
- Jennifer Tupper
2017 -

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