PORTFOLIO EVALUATION

EDUC 6300G
MEd Graduate Portfolio
Portfolio Evaluation

This learning module is designed to respond to three questions:

1. What are the standards for a Master’s degree in Ontario?
2. How are portfolios evaluated for the MEd degree at UOIT?
3. Who evaluates the portfolios?
MASTER’S DEGREE requirements: From the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies (OCGS) By-Laws, Section 6.2.4, January 2008

The Master’s Degree is awarded to students who have demonstrated:

1. Depth & Breadth of Knowledge: A systematic understanding of knowledge, and a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights, much of which is at, or informed by, the forefront of the academic discipline, field of study, or area of professional practice.

2. Research & Scholarship: A conceptual understanding and methodological competence that:
   • Enables a working comprehension of how established techniques of research and inquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in the discipline;
   • Enables a critical evaluation of current research and advanced research and scholarship in the discipline or area of professional competence; and
   • Enables a treatment of complex issues and judgments based on established principles and techniques; and, on the basis of that competence, has shown at least one of the following:
     - The development and support of a sustained argument in written form; or
     - Originality in the application of knowledge.

3. Application of Knowledge: Competence in the research process by applying an existing body of knowledge in the critical analysis of a new question or of a specific problem or issue in a new setting.

4. Communication Skills: The ability to communicate ideas, issues and conclusions clearly.

5. Awareness of Limits of Knowledge: Cognizance of the complexity of knowledge and of the potential contributions of other interpretations, methods, and disciplines.
Portfolio Evaluation

Your portfolio will be evaluated on six elements:

1. Metacognition/Reflection on three topics of interest
2. Synthesis: Concept map or diagram of topics
3. Evidence of Learning from the MEd program and deeper learning through portfolio development
4. Selection of artifacts and reflections on them
5. Consolidation: Evidence of learning across topics
6. Portfolio Log
Who evaluates?

- The professors who teach in the graduate program evaluate portfolios.
- Your portfolio supervisor MAY be one of the evaluators of your portfolio, depending on the topic that are chosen for the portfolio.
- While students are often consulted regarding portfolio evaluators, this decision rests with the Portfolio Supervisor, the Faculty and the Graduate Program Director.
What grade is assigned?

There are four categories for the UOIT Certificate of Approval for portfolios:

1. Acceptable without change
2. Acceptable with minor change
3. Acceptable with major changes
4. Not acceptable

The grading for the course EDUC 6300G is Pass/Fail.
Your portfolio supervisor is here to help you. Contact your supervisor through the portfolio course in WebCT with questions and concerns!