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Laurier appoints first director of new joint education program

Sandra Reid brings familiarity of local boards and 11 years experience from Nipissing

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BRANTFORD – Laurier Brantford has appointed the first director of the concurrent education program being offered in partnership with Nipissing University. Simcoe native Sandra Reid will assume her duties full-time today.

Reid brings 11 years of experience teaching undergraduate and graduate education courses at Nipissing. For six of those years, she has been chair of the junior/intermediate division of the faculty of education. Before joining Nipissing, she spent 24 years as a classroom and music teacher for the Grand Erie and Brant Haldimand-Norfolk Catholic district school boards.

“Sandra Reid comes to us with the perfect mix of credentials,” says Leo Groarke, dean of Laurier Brantford. “She has a thorough understanding of Nipissing’s bachelor of education (BEd) program, both teaching and administrative experience, exceptional organizational skills and a history with this area’s school boards. We’re very pleased with the appointment.”

Reid’s first challenge will be to transform Nipissing’s one-year teacher education program into a concurrent program while maintaining the quality of the original. While Nipissing admits students after they have earned a degree, the joint program allows students to earn both a bachelor of arts and BEd, so students arrive without having experienced university-level studies.

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Reid will also establish the practice-teaching component with neighboring school boards. The program requires that students observe and teach in each of the four years. The requirement ensures they emerge with an understanding of, and experience in, the classroom.