



Bachelor of Education (Elementary Curriculum) Information for Vancouver Island University students

Based on the 2014/15 University of Victoria calendar, VIU website, and the [online BC transfer guide](#).
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Provided by UVic Teacher Education Advising www.uvic.ca/education. Have a question? Email adve@uvic.ca.

This four-year degree program will prepare you to be an elementary classroom teacher. Graduates are awarded a Bachelor of Education degree and are eligible for a BC teaching certificate.

The program takes place over four winter sessions: one year of admission requirements followed by three years in the UVic Faculty of Education. You will find the program format in the UVic undergraduate calendar at <http://web.uvic.ca/calendar>.

Admission requirements

To be considered for admission to year two of the BEd (Elementary Curriculum) program, you'll need:

- 3.0 units* approved English.
- 3.0 units approved Canadian studies.
- 3.0 units approved mathematics with a C+ average.
- 3.0 units approved laboratory science.
- 3.0 units approved academic electives.
- To demonstrate competency in written English.
- A sessional grade-point average of at least 4.00 on a 9-point scale (equivalent to UVic's B- grade) on your most recent 12.0-unit session. If your most recent session is less than 12.0 units, you must have a grade-point average of at least 4.00 on a 9-point scale (equivalent to UVic's B- grade) on your most recent consecutive 12.0 units.
- An interview may also be required. In lieu of an interview, applicants may be asked to submit a letter of intent, résumé and reference letters.

All admission requirements must be completed by **April 30th** of the year you intend to enter this program.

* A 1.5-unit UVic course meets for at least 3 hours per week for 13 weeks (one term).

Approved English, Canadian studies, mathematics and laboratory science courses offered at VIU

If you want to take a course that is not listed here, or take a combination of courses from more than one institution, or if you have taken courses prior to 2014/15, consult UVic Teacher Education Advising.

English

Select **two** from:

- ENGL 115, 125, 135

Not from:

- Technical or creative writing courses.

Written English Competency Requirement

Important! If you obtain less than a B- grade in any English course, consult UVic Teacher Education Advising. See also the Education Faculty's [Regulation 8.1: Written English Competency](#) in the University of Victoria's academic calendar.

Canadian studies

Choose courses that focus on the Canadian experience and that cover topics taught in the BC elementary social studies curriculum.

Select any **two** from:

- ANTH 121
- GEOG 290
- HIST 111, 112, 205, 206, 210, 211, 231
- POLI 221
- SOCI 112, 215

Not from:

- Canadian literature or art history.
- Courses that study one region or province of Canada.

Mathematics with a C+ average or better (completed within 10 years of program entry)

Select **two** from:

- MATH 111, 121, 122, 131*, 132*
* recommended

Not from:

- Pre-calculus

Laboratory science (completed within 10 years of program entry)

Elementary teachers are encouraged to take a field-based, hands-on approach to teaching sciences. Choose science courses that offer a significant lab component. We recommend courses with a weekly 3-hour lab, but will accept those that average at least 1.5 hours of lab time a week. Try to choose courses from two different subject areas.

Select **two** from:

- BIOL 121, 123
- CHEM (140 or 150), (141 or 142)
- GEOG 211, 212
- GEOL 111, 112
- PHED 201
- PHYS 111, 112

Tip!

Students taking geography as well as geology should be aware that transfer credit will not be granted for courses with duplicate content. For further suggestions see Tips #3 and #4 below.

Teachable subject electives

Choose from subjects related to those taught in a BC public school. Choose topics like anthropology, visual art/art history, astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, French, environmental studies, geography, history, Indigenous studies, linguistics, music, physics, political science, psychology, and sociology.

Tips!

1. French is recommended.
2. We can't accept courses from professional programs such as child and youth care, education, or social work.
3. When selecting transferable electives please refer to the online BC Transfer Guide: www.bctransferguide.ca.
4. When selecting courses from similar topic areas (not recommended) also refer to the UVic calendar course description for credit restrictions: <http://web.uvic.ca/calendar> (e.g., UVic GEOG 103 credit restriction with related GEOS/EOS credit).
5. If in doubt, consult UVic Teacher Education Advising.

Commonly asked questions

Q. How do you decide who is admitted?

A. Eligible applicants are admitted to the quota on the basis of their sessional grade-point average calculated on courses attempted to April 30 (minimum 12 units or 8 courses). If the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of available seats, not all eligible applicants will be admitted. Participation in an interview may also be required. Interviews were not held in 2014 and won't be held in 2015. In lieu of an interview, applicants will be asked to submit a letter of intent, résumé and reference letters. In your letter of intent and résumé you have the opportunity to tell us about your experiences and how they relate to your goal of becoming a teacher.

Q. Where can I get an application and what is the application deadline?

A. Check the Faculty of Education home page in November for information about the application process <http://www.uvic.ca/education/home/home/apply/index.php>.

Applications must be submitted to Undergraduate Admissions and Records Services no later than **January 2**.

Official transcripts and other supporting documents are due by **January 31**.

The deadline for completing course requirements is **April 30** with final grades available on official transcript by **May 31**.

Q. I have a couple of questions about the admission requirements. Who can help me?

A. Please consult **UVic Teacher Education Advising** if you have any questions about this program: <http://www.uvic.ca/education/prospective/teacher/advising/index.php>.

You may consult an education adviser in person (MAC A250), by telephone (250-721-7877), or by email (adve@uvic.ca). If you have several questions, consider calling ahead to make an appointment. The advising office is open Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays) 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (closed for lunch 12 – 1 pm).