



Bachelor of Education (Elementary Curriculum) Information for Northwest Community College students

Based on the 2013 - 2014 University of Victoria calendar, NWCC website, and the online BC transfer guide.
Provided by UVic Teacher Education Advising www.uvic.ca/education.

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.
- To participate in an interview held in March or April.

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 NWCC

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 2013-14, consult UVic Teacher Education Advising.

English

Take both of:

- ENGL 101 and 102

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 111
- GEOG 226
- HIST 105, 106
- POLI 102

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 101, 102, 140*, 190*
- * 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 101, 102, 131
- CHEM 101, 102
- GEOG 150, 160
- GEOL 157
- PHYS 101, 102

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. We calculate an admission score that is based partly on interview score (30%) and partly on sessional GPA (70%). Applicants are ranked according to admission score. We'll fill the quota (70 seats) starting with the highest admission score. Eligible applicants not admitted to the quota will be waitlisted in order of admission score.

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

- A. Check our web site 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.

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

- A. Please consult an academic adviser in **UVic Teacher Education Advising** if you have any questions about this program. You may consult an adviser in person (MAC A250), by telephone (250-721-7877), or by email (adve@uvic.ca). If you have a 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).