



## Bachelor of Education (Elementary Curriculum) Information for Thompson Rivers University students

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

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

Select **two** from:

- ENGL 1100, 1110, (1120 or 1210), (1140 or 1210)

**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 2140
- GEOG 2220
- HIST 1120, 1220, (2020 or 2700)
- POLI 1110, 2230
- SOCI 2100

**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 1100\*, (1130 or 1140), (1230 or 1240), 1900\*
- \* 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 1040, 1590, 1110, (1210 or 1250+1250L)
- CHEM 1500, 1510, 1520
- GEOG 1120, 1220
- GEOL 1110, 2050
- PHYS (1100 and 1200), (1150 and 1250)

**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](http://www.bctransferguide.ca).
1. 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).
4. 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 (25 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](mailto: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).