

Bachelor of Education Post-Degree Professional Program (Elementary)

Information handout for students preparing for 2026 program admission

Based on the September 2025 University of Victoria calendar, college and university websites, and the [online BC transfer guide](#). This information is subject to change if these sources change.



This program provides engaging, relevant, and high-quality preparation for the responsibilities and challenges of today's classrooms. Upon completion of this program, you will be eligible for a Bachelor of Education degree (UVic) and a professional teaching certificate (BC Teacher Regulation Branch). BC teacher certificate holders are eligible to apply for teacher certification elsewhere in Canada.

This program is offered in two locations: Victoria, BC and Cranbrook, BC (on the campus of the College of the Rockies).

- **Victoria:** offered in four terms over 16 months, beginning in September and ending in December of the following year (fall, spring, summer, and fall terms).
- **Cranbrook:** completed over two academic years (no courses are scheduled during the summer session).

Admission requirements

Go to the UVic Faculty of Education website to learn more about the admission requirements for this program: <https://www.uvic.ca/education/curriculum/undergraduate/home/programs/elmpdpp/index.php>

Academic requirements:

In addition to an undergraduate bachelor's degree and minimum grade, GPA and experience requirements, you will need 3.0 units (two courses) in each of approved: English, Canadian studies, math, and science. More details below.

- 3.0 units at UVic is equivalent to 6.0-8.0 credits at most BC post-secondary institutions.

This handout provides you with approved English, Canadian studies, mathematics, and science courses offered at four post-secondary institutions in BC. Check with the institutions to find out about course availability, registration, and important dates. If you're seeking a flexible course schedule, there are some **online options** at College of the Rockies, North Island College and Thompson Rivers University.

IMPORTANT: To avoid course duplication, consider completing both courses from a particular subject (English, Canadian studies, math, or science) at the same institution. If you want to 'mix and match' institutions please ensure the courses are not duplicate and they do not contain overlap in content. If you are unsure, consult Education Advising.

Questions? Please contact the Education Advising Office at 250-721-7877 or adve@uvic.ca.

Experience requirement: You'll also be asked to provide evidence of your experience, ability, and interest in working with groups of children in educative ways. Please refer to the [program website](#) for more details about this requirement, including the number of hours required (*updated each September for the following year's intake*).

Approved English literature and composition (required: 3.0 units or two half-year courses)

We will accept two literature courses **OR** one literature and one composition course.

Teacher certification regulations do not allow us to accept communications, cultural studies, creative writing, technical writing, or two composition courses.

English Grade Requirement: a grade of at least C+/UVic 3.00 in each course.

Camosun College	College of the Rockies	North Island College	Thompson Rivers University – Open Learning
ENGL 151 - composition ENGL 161 - literature ENGL 163 - literature ENGL 164 – literature	ENGL 100 – composition ENGL 101 – literature ENGL 102 – literature ENGL 270 – children's literature	ENG 115 or 116 or 117 – composition ENG 122 – literature ENG 127 – literature	ENGL 1101 – composition ENGL 1001 or 1021 – literature ENGL 1011 or 1031 – literature

Approved Canadian studies (required: 3.0 units or two half-year courses)

We will accept courses that **focus on the Canadian experience** within topics taught in BC's elementary **social studies curriculum**. Choose pan-Canadian courses over regional Canadian courses (at most, one regional course will be considered). Courses using Canadian examples in the study of a subject (rather than focusing on Canada) are not approved. Teacher certification regulations won't allow us to accept Canadian literature, fine arts, or art history courses towards this requirement.

Camosun College	College of the Rockies	North Island College	Thompson Rivers University – Open Learning
GEOG 104 HIST 110 HIST 112 HIST 204 HIST 206 HLTH 111 IST 116 IST 117 IST 120 PSC 104 PSC 106 SOC 106 SOC 110 SOC 112	FNST 101 GEOG 210* HIST 201 HIST 202 HIST 208 HIST 211 HIST 230 INDG 101** INDG 105 INDG 120** INDG 203 POLI 203 **if taken before May 2024 only one of INDG 101 or 120 can be accepted *regional	ABG 100 HIS 111 HIS 112 POL 119 SOC 210	GEOG 2221 HIST 1121 HIST 1221 POLI 1111

Approved mathematics (required: 3.0 units or two half-year courses)

We will consider courses offered by a **mathematics department**. We are not able to accept algebra or pre-calculus courses. **Statistics limit:** at most, one course in statistics will be considered if taught by a mathematics department. **Math Currency:** at least one of these two courses must have been completed within ten years prior to program entry. **Math Grade Requirement:** an average of at least C+/UVic 3.00 in your two approved Math courses.

Camosun College	College of the Rockies	North Island College	Thompson Rivers University – Open Learning
MATH 100 or 108 MATH 101 MATH 109 MATH 142* MATH 143* STAT 116 (no more than 1.5 units of statistics can be accepted) *Recommended courses.	MATH 101 MATH 103 MATH 104 MATH 105* MATH 107* STAT 106 (no more than 1.5 units of statistics can be accepted) *Recommended courses.	MAT 102 or MAT 181 MAT 151 MAT 162* MAT 163* *Recommended courses.	MATH 1101* MATH 1141 MATH 1901* STAT 1201 (no more than 1.5 units of statistics can be accepted) *Recommended courses.

Approved science (required: 3.0 units or two half-year courses)

Try to choose courses from *two different subjects* to develop a more comprehensive background for teaching all science subjects in your elementary classroom. We recommend courses with a **weekly lab** but will accept courses without a lab component. **Science Currency:** at least one of these two courses must have been completed within ten years prior to program entry. **Human anatomy/physiology limit:** at most, one course in this topic will be considered.

Camosun College	College of the Rockies	North Island College	Thompson Rivers University – Open Learning
ASTR 101 ASTR 102 BIOL 102 ¹ BIOL 103 ¹ BIOL 105 BIOL 150 CHEM 110 GEOG 111 GEOS 100 GEOS 110 PHYS 104 PHYS 105 ¹ You will not receive transfer credit for BIOL 102 or 103 if you have already completed BIOL 124 or 126. We cannot accept CHEM 100 or PHYS 101	ASTR 100 BIOL 101 BIOL 102 BIOL 151 CHEM 100 CHEM 101 CHEM 102 ENSC 101 GEOG 101 GEOL 105 GEOL 106 PHYS 103 PHYS 104	BIO 102 BIO 103 BIO 160 CHE 110 CHE 111 PHY 120 SSA 100 SSA 101	BIOL 1113 GEOG 1221 GEOL 1111