

Pre-admission requirements handout: Thompson Rivers University

Bachelor of Education Elementary Curriculum – year two entry
Faculty of Education
University of Victoria



This handout lists **on-campus** and **online courses** offered from **Thompson Rivers University** that you can take to make yourself eligible for admission to the University of Victoria's four-year elementary teacher education program. The handout is based on the [September 2025 University of Victoria Calendar](#), the [Thompson Rivers University](#) website, and the online [BC Transfer Guide](#). This information is subject to change.

Tip! When planning your course combinations, it is important to confirm that they do not have overlapping content and you can receive credit at both the institution(s) offering the course(s) and UVic. Refer to course descriptions on institution websites for possible notes related to combining courses. Refer to the BCTG (linked above) for information about how courses transfer to UVic as well as notes about course combinations that will not receive credit. **It is your responsibility to check the BCTG** for the term(s) you are taking coursework to ensure you can expect transfer credit. Note: official transfer credit is still only confirmed by Undergraduate Admissions upon admission to UVic.

See **admission requirements** on our program website: <https://www.uvic.ca/education/curriculum/undergraduate/home/programs/elmbcd/index.php>

What do I need to be eligible for admission?

To be considered for entry to **year two**, you must satisfy both academic and experience requirements. More details are provided on the program website (see link above).

Academic requirements:

- approved coursework in each of English, Canadian studies, mathematics, science
- minimum UVic C+ average in two approved math courses
- minimum UVic C+ grades in each approved English course
- sessional grade point average of a least UVic C+ based on a minimum of 12 UVic units or eight half-year courses.

These requirements must be completed by **April 30th** of the year of application so that a final transcript is received at UVic by May 31.

Experience requirement

You'll need relevant experience working with groups of children in educative ways. Babysitting experience would not satisfy this requirement, but working as a camp counsellor would, for example. Refer to the [program website](#) for details about this requirement, including the number of hours required (*updated each September for the following year's intake*).

Approved English

Select **two** from:

- ENGL 1100 **or** ENGL 1101¹ - Introduction to University Writing
 - ENGL 1001¹ Literature and Composition I & ENGL 1011¹ Literature and Composition II **or** ENGL 1021¹ Composition and Indigenous Literature in Canada I & ENGL 1031¹ Composition and Indigenous Literature in Canada II
 - ENGL 1110 Critical Reading and Writing (cannot be combined with ENGL 1001)
 - ENGL 1120 Introduction to Poetry
 - ENGL 1140 Introduction to Drama
- ¹online courses

Notes:

- You'll need a grade of UVic C+ or higher in each course.
- We are not able to accept communications, technical or creative writing courses.
- When choosing a pair of English courses, please confirm no content overlap/ that it is possible to receive credit for both** (also see the **tip!** at the top of this handout)
- We are not able to accept two English composition/academic writing courses. At least one must be a literature topic.

Approved Canadian studies

Select **two** from:

- ANTH 2140 Indigenous Peoples
- GEOG 2220 **or** GEOG 2221¹ - Regional Geography of Canada
- HIST 1120 **or** HIST 1121¹ - Canadian History to 1867

Notes:

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



- HIST 1220 **or** HIST 1221¹ - Post-Confederation Canadian History
- HIST 2020 Indigenous Peoples' History of Canada
- POLI 1110 **or** POLI 1111¹ - Canadian Government and Politics

¹online courses



Pan-Canadian topics are recommended.



No more than one approved regional studies course can be accepted (eg. focus on British Columbia).



We can't accept Canadian *literature* or *fine arts* courses.

Approved mathematics

Select **two** from:

- MATH 1100 **or** MATH 1101¹ - Finite Mathematics
- MATH 1140 or 1141¹ – Calculus I
- MATH 1900 or 1901¹ - Mathematics for Teachers
- *STAT 1200 Introduction to Statistics **or** STAT 1201¹ Introduction to Probability and Statistics

¹online courses

Notes:



You'll need a UVic C+ average or higher on two approved mathematics courses to demonstrate competency.



*We'll consider **one** statistics course if offered by a mathematics department.



At least one course must be completed within 10 years *prior* to program entry.



We are not able to accept pre-calculus or introductory college algebra.



We suggest that you take MATH 1900 or 1901 as one of your approved Math courses.

Approved science

We suggest that you choose courses from two subjects to develop a more comprehensive science background. You'll teach all science subjects in your elementary classroom.

Select **two** from:

- BIOL 1040 Biology of the Environment
- BIOL 1110 **or** BIOL 1113¹ - Principles of Biology I
- BIOL 1050 Biology of Humans*
- CHEM 1500 Chemical Bonding & Organic Chemistry
- CHEM 1510 Fundamentals of Chemistry
- GEOG 1000 Planet Earth – An introduction to Earth System Science
- GEOG 1221¹ Introduction to Physical Geography
- GEOL 1110 Introduction to Physical Geology **or** GEOL 1111¹ Introduction to Earth Science

- GEOL 2050 Historical Geology: Global Change Through Time

Notes:



We recommend courses with a weekly lab but will accept those without a lab component.



*We are not able to accept more than one human anatomy/physiology course.



At least one course must be completed within 10 years prior to program entry.

Approved academic electives

This program includes **two academic electives** related to topics taught in BC schools. You can take these electives in year one or in a summer session *prior* to year three. Tip! Academic electives *must* be complete before entering year four of the program.

Notes:



Additional Canadian studies, English, and/or science courses may be taken as academic electives.



We suggest that you take one or more French courses because you'll teach French in your classroom. The BEd program includes EDCI 469 Teaching Oral French. While a university French course is not a prerequisite, it would be beneficial.



Examples of approved academic subjects include: anthropology, biology, chemistry, computer science, Indigenous studies, gender studies, geography, geology, history, physics, political studies, psychology, sociology, theatre.



Examples of courses we cannot accept include career-oriented/professional courses such as child and youth care, teacher education and social work.



Use the BC Transfer Guide www.bctransferguide.ca to confirm that the courses you want to take transfer to UVic. See the tip at the top of this form (page 1) regarding planning course combinations that do not have overlapping course content.

How and when to apply

January 31: Application deadline. For information on how to apply, visit the Faculty of Education website starting in the fall. **Tip!** Submit your application in January after you've finalized your January – April course registration.

January 31: First transcript deadline. Transcripts are required for all courses attempted to December 31 *and* all courses in-progress to April 30.

May 31: Final transcript deadline. Transcripts are required for all courses attempted to April 30 (course completion deadline).

Questions? Contact UVic Education Advising



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