This handout lists courses offered at North Island College 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 2022 University of Victoria Calendar, the North Island College website, and the online BC Transfer Guide. This information is subject to future change.

**Tip!** When planning your course combinations, it is important to confirm that they do not have overlapping content and that you can receive credit at both the institution(s) offering the courses 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 Admission upon admission to UVic.**

See admission requirements on our program website: [https://www.uvic.ca/education/curriculum/undergraduate/home/programs/elmbed/index.php](https://www.uvic.ca/education/curriculum/undergraduate/home/programs/elmbed/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 faculty website (see link above).

**Academic requirements:**
- approved coursework in each of English, Canadian studies, mathematics, laboratory 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. 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

Select **two** from:

- ENG 115 Essay Writing and Critical Analysis
  - or ENG 116 Essay Writing and Indigenous Perspectives
  - or ENG 117 Academic Writing
- ENG 122 Reading Literature
- ENG 127 Indigenous Literatures in Canada

**Notes:**
- You’ll need a grade of UVic C+ or higher in each course to demonstrate competency in written English.
- We are not able to accept communications, technical or creative writing courses.
- We can’t accept two English composition/academic writing courses. At least one course must be a literature topic.

### Approved Canadian studies

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

Select **two** from:

- HIS 111 Canadian History: Pre-Confederation
- HIS 112 Canadian History: 1867 – Present
- POL 119 Canadian Politics

**Notes:**
- Pan-Canadian topics are recommended.
- No more than one approved regional studies course can be accepted.
- We can’t accept Canadian literature or fine arts courses.
Approved mathematics

Select two from:

- MAT 102 Calculus for Life Sciences
- MAT 151 Finite Mathematics
- MAT 162 Math for Elementary Education I
- MAT 163 Math for Elementary Education II
- MAT 181 Calculus I

Notes:

- You’ll need a UVic C+ average or higher on two mathematics courses to demonstrate competency in mathematics.
- We suggest you take MAT 162 and 163.
- We may be able to accept maximum one statistics course if that course was taken from a mathematics department.
- We are not able to accept courses completed more than 10 years prior to program entry.
- We are not able to accept pre-calculus or introductory college algebra.

Approved laboratory 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. The courses you take must include a laboratory component* because elementary teachers are encouraged to take a field-based, hands-on approach to teaching sciences.

Select two from:

- BIO 102 Principles of Modern Biology II
- BIO 103 Principles of Modern Biology I
- BIO 111 Concepts in Biology II (Inhabiting the Earth) – see notes
- BIOL 110 Concepts in Biology I or BIO 160 Human Anatomy & Physiology I – see notes
- CHE 110 Chemical Principles I
- CHE 111 Chemical Principles II
- SSA 100* Introduction to the Solar System and Space Exploration or SSA 101* Intro to Deep Space Astronomy – see notes

Notes:

- We recommend courses with a weekly 3-hour lab, but will accept those that average at least 1.5 hours lab time a week.
- We are not able to accept more than one human anatomy/physiology course.
- We are not able to accept courses completed more than 10 years prior to program entry.
- *1 course may have an approved online/home lab component if the other has an in-person, scheduled lab component
- BIO 110 and/or BIOL 111: if paired with another BIO (102, 103, or 160) then BIOL 110/111 must completed first to receive transfer credit at UVic

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 following years one, two or three. Tip! You must complete both academic electives before entering year four.

Notes:

- Additional Canadian studies, English and/or laboratory 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, First Nations studies, gender/women’s 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

- by telephone at (250) 721-7877
- by email at advc@uvic.ca - we aim to respond to email within five business days