Pre-admission requirements handout
Bachelor of Education Elementary Curriculum
Faculty of Education
University of Victoria

This handout lists courses offered at Okanagan 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 2020 University of Victoria Calendar, the Okanagan College website, and the online BC Transfer Guide. This information is updated annually.

Tip! When planning your course combinations, it is important to confirm that they do not have overlapping content and that you can receive credit for all of your selected courses at both the institution(s) offering the courses and UVic. Refer to course descriptions on institution websites, which contain notes about course combinations, and the BC Transfer Guide (link above), which provides information about how courses transfer to UVic and notes about course combinations that won’t receive credit.

For complete information about the admission, experience, and program requirements, refer to our website:
- Faculty of Education <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+ grades in each approved English course
- minimum UVic C+ average in two approved math courses
- sessional grade 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 75 hours of 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.

Approved English
Select two from:
- ENGL 100 University Writing
- ENGL 150 Critical Writing and Reading: Poetry and Drama
- ENGL 151 Critical Writing and Reading: Short Fiction and the Novel
- ENGL 153 Critical Writing and Reading: Narrative

Notes:
- You’ll need a grade of C+ or higher in each course.
- We can’t accept technical or creative writing courses.
- We can’t accept two English composition/academic writing course. At least one must be a literature studies 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:
- HIST 112 Canada to 1867
- HIST 122 Canada since 1867
- HIST 206 Indigenous Peoples and Colonization in Canada
- POLI 111 The Government of Canada

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

Select **two** from:

- MATH 111 Essential Mathematics for Arts
- MATH 112 Calculus I
- MATH 122 Calculus II
- MATH 160 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers

**Notes:**

- You’ll need a C+ average or higher on two mathematics courses to demonstrate competency in mathematics.
- We suggest that you take MATH 111 and MATH 160.
- We may be able to accept one statistics course if that course was taken from a mathematics department.
- We won’t accept courses completed more than 10 years prior to program entry.
- We won’t 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:

- ASTR 111 Astronomy I
- BIOL 111 Biology for Science Majors I or BIOL 112 Evolution and Ecology
- BIOL 131 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- One of CHEM 111 Principles of Chemistry I or CHEM 112 Introductory Chemistry I
- CHEM 121 Principles of Chemistry II
- GEOG 111 Introduction to Physical Geography: Climate & Vegetation
- GEOG 121 Introduction to Physical Geography: Water & Landscapes
- PHYS 112 Introductory Physics I

**Notes:**

- May 2020 – April 2021: the minimum 1.5 hour per week **in-person** lab requirement is being temporarily waived due to current availability. The lab science course content requirements remain the same.
- We won’t accept more than one human anatomy/physiology course.
- We won’t accept courses completed more than 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 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.
- Use the BC Transfer Guide [www.bctransferguide.ca](http://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 adv@uvic.ca - we aim to respond to email within five business days