

Pre-admission requirements handout: College of the Rockies

Bachelor of Education Elementary Curriculum – year two entry

Faculty of Education

University of Victoria



This handout lists courses offered at **College of the Rockies** that you can take to make yourself eligible for admission to the University of Victoria's four-year elementary teacher education program. This handout is based on the [September 2025 University of Victoria Calendar](#), the [College of the Rockies](#) 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 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](#) 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>

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 100 English Composition
- ENGL 101 Introduction to Poetry and Drama (literature)
- ENGL 102 Introduction to Prose Fiction (literature)
- ENGL 270 Children's Literature (literature)

Notes:

- You'll need a grade of 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:

- FNST 101 First Nations Studies
- GEOG 210 Geography of British Columbia – *regional**
- HIST 201 Pre-Confederation Canada
- HIST 202 Post-Confederation Canada
- HIST 208 Canadian-American Relations
- HIST 211 Women in Canada: Post 1920
- HIST 230 Canada's Environmental History
- INDG 101 Intro to Indigenous Studies (**see note****)

Notes:

- Pan-Canadian topics are recommended.
- We are unable to accept Canadian *literature* or *fine arts*.
- *No more than one regional studies course can be accepted.*
- **If taken before May 2024, only one of INDG 101 or INDG 120 can be accepted.*





- INDG 105 Intro to Health & Wellness in Indigenous Communities
- INDG 120 Indigenous Worldviews – *regional** (**see note****)
- INDG 203 Indigenous Ways of Knowing

Approved mathematics

Select **two** from:

- MATH 101 Finite Mathematics 1
- MATH 103 Differential Calculus
- MATH 104 Integral Calculus
- MATH 105 Mathematics for Teachers I*
- MATH 107 Mathematics for Teachers II*
- STAT 106 Statistics
*recommended

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

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:

- ASTR 100 Astronomy
- BIOL 101 Introduction to Biology 1
- BIOL 102 Introduction to Biology 2
- BIOL 151 Biology of the Environment
- CHEM 100 Introduction to Environmental Chemistry
- CHEM 101 Fundamentals of Chemistry 1
- CHEM 102 Fundamentals of Chemistry
- ENSC 101 Introduction to Environmental Science
- GEOG 101 Introduction to Physical Geography
- GEOL 105 An Introduction to Geology
- GEOL 106 Physical and Historical Geology

- PHYS 103 Introduction to Physics 1
- PHYS 104 Introduction to Physics 2
- **ONE of***: [BIOL 181 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 **or** KNES 190 Basic Human Anatomy **or** KNES 200 Functional Anatomy and Physiology I]






Notes:

-  We recommend courses with a weekly lab but will accept those without a lab component.
-  *We are unable to accept more than one human anatomy/physiology course.
-  At least one course must be completed within 10 years before 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.
-  Consider choosing your academic electives from COTR's ANTH 101, CRWT 101, CRWT 102, FA 100, FA 103, FA 105, FA 106, FA 107, FA 108, FREN 101, FREN 102, HLTH 104, POLI 100, PSYC 101, PSYC 102, SOCI 101, SOCI 102.
-  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 adve@uvic.ca - we aim to respond to email within five business days