

Pre-admission requirements handout: North Island College

Bachelor of Education Elementary Curriculum – year two entry

Faculty of Education

University of Victoria



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 2025 University of Victoria Calendar](#), the [North Island College](#) 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/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:

- 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 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:

- ABG 100 Histories and Impacts of Colonization
- HIS 111 Canadian History: Pre-Confederation
- HIS 112 Canadian History: 1867 – Present
- POL 119 Canadian Politics
- SOCI 210 Sociology of Race, Ethnicity and Nation

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
or MAT 181 Calculus I
- MAT 151 Finite Mathematics
- MAT 162 Math for Elementary Education I
- MAT 163 Math for Elementary Education II

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 you take MAT 162 and 163.




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:

- BIO 110 Concepts in Biology I* **or** BIO 160 Human Anatomy & Physiology I*
- BIO 111 Concepts in Biology II (Inhabiting the Earth)*
- BIO 102 Principles of Modern Biology II*
- BIO 103 Principles of Modern Biology I*
- CHE 110 Chemical Principles I
- CHE 111 Chemical Principles II
- PHY 120 Principles of Physics I
- SSA 100 Introduction to the Solar System and Space Exploration
- SSA 101 Intro to Deep Space Astronomy






Notes:

-  We recommend courses with a weekly lab, but will accept those without a lab component.
-  *Notes on Biology:
 - If BIO 110 or BIOL 111 is paired with another BIO (102, 103 or 160) then BIOL 110/111 must be completed first to receive transfer credit at UVic.
 - 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/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 adve@uvic.ca - we aim to respond to email within five business days

