

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 2018 University of Victoria Calendar](#), the [Okanagan College](#) website, and the online [BC Transfer Guide](#). This information is updated annually.

Consult UVic Education Advising if you want to take a combination of courses from more than one institution or if you have taken courses prior to 2018/19 that aren't listed here.

For detailed information about the admission, experience, and program requirements, refer to:

- **2018 UVic Calendar** at <https://web.uvic.ca/calendar2018-09/undergrad/education/BEEd-elementary.html#>, and the
- **Faculty of Education website** at <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 and the UVic calendar (see above for links).

Academic requirements:

- approved coursework in each of English, Canadian studies, mathematics, laboratory science
- minimum C+ average in two approved math courses
- minimum C+ grades in each approved English course
- sessional grade average of a least 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
- SOCI 203 Canadian Social Issues

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 121 Biology for Science Majors II
- BIOL 131 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- One of CHEM 111 Principles of Chemistry I **or** CHEM 112 Introductory Chemistry I
- One of CHEM 121 Principles of Chemistry II **or** CHEM 122 Introductory Chemistry II
- GEOG 111 Introduction to Physical Geography: Climate & Vegetation
- GEOG 121 Introduction to Physical Geography: Water & Landscapes
- PHYS 112 Introductory Physics I






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 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 to confirm that the courses you want to take transfer to UVic.
-  If you have doubts about your choices, consult UVic Education Advising.




How and when to apply

February 28 – Application deadline. For information on how to apply, visit the Faculty of Education website starting in the fall. **Tip!** Submit your application in January or February after you've finalized your January – April course registration.

February 28 – 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

-  in-person in MacLaurin room A225
-  by telephone at (250) 721-7877
-  by email at adve@uvic.ca - we aim to respond to email within five business days