

# Pre-admission requirements handout

Bachelor of Education Elementary Curriculum

Faculty of Education

University of Victoria



This handout lists **on-campus and online courses** offered from **Thompson Rivers University** 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 [Thompson Rivers University](#) 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/BEd-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 30<sup>th</sup>** 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 1001<sup>1</sup> Literature and Composition I **or** ENGL 1021<sup>1</sup> Composition and Indigenous Literature in Canada I
- ENGL 1011<sup>1</sup> Literature and Composition II **or** ENGL 1031<sup>1</sup> Composition and Indigenous Literature in Canada II
- ENGL 1100 Introduction to University Writing **or** ENGL 1101<sup>1</sup> Composition
- ENGL 1110 Introduction to Fiction
- ENGL 1120 Introduction to Poetry
- ENGL 1140 Introduction to Drama

<sup>1</sup>online courses

### Notes:

- You'll need a grade of C+ or higher in each course.
- We can't accept technical or creative writing courses.
- We suggest that you take ENGL 1001 & 1011 or ENGL 1021 & 1031, or any two of ENGL 1100, 1110, 1120, 1140.
- We can't accept two English composition/academic writing course. At least one must be a literature studies topic.

## Approved Canadian studies

Select **two** from:

- ANTH 2140 Canadian Native Peoples
- Regional geography of Canada: GEOG 2220 **or** GEOG 2221<sup>1</sup>
- Canadian history to 1867: HIST 1120 **or** HIST 1121<sup>1</sup>
- Post-Confederation Canadian history: HIST 1220 **or** HIST 1221<sup>1</sup>
- HIST 2020 Native History of Canada
- Canadian government and politics: POLI 1110 **or** POLI 1111<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>online courses

### Notes:

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

- Finite mathematics: MATH 1100 **or** MATH 1101<sup>1</sup>
- Calculus: MATH 1140 or 1141<sup>1</sup>
- Mathematics for teachers: MATH 1900 or 1901<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>online courses

### Notes:

-  You'll need a C+ average or higher on two mathematics courses to demonstrate competency in mathematics.
-  We suggest that you take MATH 1900 or 1901.
-  Other calculus courses similar to MATH 1140 or 1141 may be accepted, consult an adviser.
-  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:

- BIOL 1040 Biology of the Environment
- Principles of biology I: BIOL 1110 **or** BIOL 1113 (*online lecture*) with BIOL 1115 (*on-campus lab – 5 days*)
- Principles of biology II: BIOL 1210 **or** BIOL 1213 (*online lecture*) with BIOL 1215 (*on-campus lab – 5 days*)
- BIOL 1050 Biology of Humans
- CHEM1510 Fundamentals of Chemistry
- GEOG 1000 Planet Earth – An introduction to Earth System Science
- GEOL 1110 Introduction to Physical Geology **or** GEOL 1111 Introduction to Earth Science (*online with approved home lab*)
- GEOL 2050 Geological Time






### 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'll accept one course with a home lab. One lab science course must have an on-campus lab. GEOL 1111 is the only science course with a home lab that we will accept from TRU.
-  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.
-  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](mailto:adve@uvic.ca) - we aim to respond to email within five business days

