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 2019 University of Victoria Calendar, the Thompson Rivers University website, and the online BC Transfer Guide. This information is subject to future change.

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 description 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+ average in two approved math courses
- minimum UVic C+ grades in each approved English course
- 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 1001 Literature and Composition I or ENGL 1021 Composition and Indigenous Literature in Canada I
- ENGL 1011 Literature and Composition II or ENGL 1031 Composition and Indigenous Literature in Canada II
- ENGL 1100 Introduction to University Writing or ENGL 1101 Composition
- ENGL 1110 Critical Reading and Writing
- ENGL 1120 Introduction to Poetry
- ENGL 1140 Introduction to Drama

Notes:
- You’ll need a grade of UVic C+ or higher in each course.
- We can’t accept communications, 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.
- For other combinations please confirm no content overlap/ that it is possible to receive credit for both
- We can’t accept two English composition/academic writing courses. 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
- Canadian history to 1867: HIST 1120 or HIST 1121
- Post-Confederation Canadian history: HIST 1220 or HIST 1221
- HIST 2020 Native History of Canada
- Canadian government and politics: POLI 1110 or POLI 1111

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
- Calculus: MATH 1140 or 1141
- Mathematics for teachers: MATH 1900 or 1901

Notes:
- You'll need a UVic C+ average or higher on two mathematics courses to demonstrate competency.
- We suggest that you take MATH 1900 or 1901 as one of your approved Math courses.
- Other calculus courses similar to MATH 1140 or 1141 may be accepted, consult an adviser.
- We may be able to accept maximum 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
- CHEM 1510 Fundamentals of Chemistry
- GEOG 1000 Planet Earth – An introduction to Earth System Science
- GEOL 1110 Introduction to Physical Geology or GEO 1111 Introduction to Earth Science (online with approved home lab)
- GEO 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 maximum one course with an approved home lab; one lab science course must have an on-campus lab. GEO 111 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 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
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 advs@uvic.ca – we aim to respond to email within five business days

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