Pre-admission requirements handout: College of the Rockies

Bachelor of Education Elementary Curriculum – Year 2 entry (Pathway 3)
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 2026 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 for each subject, it is important to confirm that they do not have duplicate content and that you can receive credit at both the institution(s) offering the courses and UVic:

- Refer to official online course descriptions for possible notes related to how you may combine 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, including for the courses listed below. Official transfer credit is only confirmed by Undergraduate Admission upon admission to UVic.

What do I need to be eligible for admission?

To be considered for **entry to program Year 2** to start your core professional studies you must satisfy all pre-core requirements (academic and experience).

Academic requirements – to be complete by **April 30**

- approved coursework in each of English, Canadian studies, mathematics, science
- minimum UVic C+ grade in each approved English course
- minimum UVic C+ average in two approved math courses
- sessional grade point average of a least UVic C+ based on a minimum of 12 UVic units or eight half-year courses.

Experience requirement – hours to be complete by **January 31**

You will need relevant experience working with groups of school aged children in educative ways. Babysitting experience would not satisfy this requirement, but working as a camp counsellor would, for example. Refer to the experience requirement section of the program website for complete details, including the number of hours required (*updated each fall for the following year's intake*).

See complete **admission requirements** including **deadlines** on our program admission website:
https://www.uvic.ca/education/programs/teacher-education/bed-elem-curric/admission-requirements-and-program-pathways/index.php

Approved English

You need two courses. Required topics are: one literature course and one literature OR academic composition course.

Select **two** from:

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

Notes:

- **English grade requirement:** you will need a grade of at least C+/UVic 3.00 in each approved English course.
- We can't 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

You need two 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

Notes:

- Pan-Canadian topics are recommended.
- No more than one approved *regional* studies course will be accepted (e.g. with a focus on British Columbia).

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

- We are not able to accept Canadian *literature* or *fine arts* courses towards this *social studies content* requirement.

  **If taken before May 2024, only one of INDG 101 *or* INDG 120 can be accepted.

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:

- **Math grade requirement:** you will need an average of at least C+/UVic 3.00 in these two courses.
- At least one of these math courses must have been completed within the **10 years** prior to program entry.
- We will consider maximum **one** statistics course if offered by a mathematics department.
- We can't 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
- BIOL 181 Human Anatomy and Physiology I**
- 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 Introduction to Geology
- GEOL 106 Physical & Historical Geology
- PHYS 103 Introduction to Physics 1
- PHYS 104 Introduction to Physics 2

Notes:

- At least one of your science courses must have been completed within the **10 years** prior to program entry.
- We recommend courses with a weekly lab but will accept those without a lab component.
- ****** We will consider maximum **one** human anatomy/physiology course.

Approved academic electives

This program includes **two academic electives.** You may take these courses in Year 1 (pre-admission) or in a summer session *prior* to program Year 3. These two academic courses *must* be complete before you will be eligible to enter program Year 4.

Notes:

- Additional Canadian studies, English, and/or science courses may be taken as academic electives.
- You could consider taking at least one French course to prepare for teaching French.
- 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.
- 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, HLTH/KNES 163, POLI 100, PSYC 101, PSYC 102, SOCI 101, SOCI 102.
- Examples of courses we can't accept include career-oriented/professional courses such as child and youth care, teacher education and social work.
- Per **Tip!** above, use the BCTG to confirm the courses you want to take are non-duplicate and transfer to UVic.

How and when to apply

The application deadline is **January 31**. See our "How to apply" website here in the fall for up to date instructions.

Questions?

Contact UVic Education Advising at 250-721-7877 or adve@uvic.ca