Pre-admission requirements handout: North Island College

Bachelor of Education Elementary Curriculum – Year 2 entry (Pathway 3)

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 2026 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 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:

- 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:

- **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:

- ABG 100 Histories and Impacts of Colonization

Notes:

- Pan-Canadian topics are recommended.

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

- No more than one approved *regional* studies course will be accepted (e.g. with a focus on British Columbia).
- We are not able to accept Canadian *literature* or *fine arts* courses towards this *social studies content* requirement.

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 *

**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:

- 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:

- At least one of these 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.
- ****Notes on Biology credit:**
  - If BIO 110 or BIOL 111 are paired with BIO 102, 103 or 160 then BIO 110/111 must be completed first to receive transfer credit at UVic.

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.
- 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