Pre-admission requirements handout: Thompson Rivers University

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

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 2026 - University of Victoria Calendar**, the **Thompson Rivers University** 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 1100 ***or*** ENGL 1101[1] - Introduction to University Writing
- ENGL 1001[1] Literature and Composition I ***or*** ENGL 1021[1] Composition and Indigenous Literature in Canada I
- ENGL 1011[1] Literature and Composition II ***or*** ENGL 1031[1] Composition and Indigenous Literature in Canada II
- ENGL 1110 Critical Reading and Writing (cannot be combined with ENGL 1001)
- ENGL 1120 Introduction to Poetry
- ENGL 1140 Introduction to Drama

[1]*online courses*

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:

- ANTH 2140 Indigenous Peoples
- GEOG 2220 ***or*** GEOG 2221[1] - Regional Geography of Canada
- HIST 1120 ***or*** HIST 1121[1] - Canadian History to 1867
- HIST 1220 ***or*** HIST 1221[1] - Post-Confederation Canadian History
- HIST 2020 Indigenous Peoples' History of Canada
- POLI 1110 **or** POLI 1111[1] - Canadian Government and Politics

[1]*online courses*

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

Approved mathematics

Select **two** from:

- MATH 1100 ***or*** MATH 1101[1] - Finite Mathematics
- MATH 1140 ***or*** 1141[1] – Calculus I
- MATH 1900 ***or*** 1901[1] - Mathematics for Teachers
- *STAT 1200 Introduction to Statistics ***or*** STAT 1201[1] Introduction to Probability and Statistics

[1]*online courses*

Notes:

- **Math grade requirement:** you will need an <u>average</u> 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.
- Recommended: MATH 1900 or 1901 (with a 2nd math)

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:

- BIOL 1040 Biology of the Environment
- BIOL 1110 ***or*** BIOL 1113[1] - Principles of Biology I
- BIOL 1050 Biology of Humans*
- CHEM 1500 Chemical Bonding & Organic Chemistry
- CHEM 1510 Fundamentals of Chemistry
- GEOG 1000 Planet Earth – An introduction to Earth System Science
- GEOG 1221[1] Introduction to Physical Geography
- GEOL 1110 Introduction to Physical Geology ***or*** GEOL 1111[1] Introduction to Earth Science
- GEOL 2050 Historical Geology: Global Change Through Time

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.

Approved academic electives

This program includes **two academic electives.** You may take these courses in Year 1 (pre-admission) or in a summer session <u>*prior* to program Year 3</u>. 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