



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Elementary Teacher Education

12 month and 2 year Options

Pre-Admission Requirements and Student Self-Assessment Worksheet

Name _____ Email: _____

UBC Student Number (if applicable) _____ Phone number _____

- 1. Applicants to the 2-year option may apply following the completion of 90 credits from the approved disciplines (see #4), including prerequisite coursework, or following a first degree.
2. Applicants to the 12 month option are required to have completed a four year degree (120 credits), or its equivalent (e.g. a 3 year degree and 30 additional academic credits).
3. Applicants to the 12 month French Immersion or Core French option (12 month only) must have completed 9 credits of French at a minimum second year level, including French literature, French grammar and French composition. These credits may be part of, or in addition to, the required 18 senior level credits.
4. Applicants to both the 12 month and 2 year options are required to have completed at least 90 credits (including the prerequisite coursework) from the humanities, social sciences, visual and performing arts, sciences, human kinetics/physical education or music. Professional coursework in, e.g. commerce, early childhood education, education, engineering, law, nursing, social work, youth and child-care will not fulfil this requirement.

Table with 4 columns: Course Requirements, UBC Sample Courses, Courses Completed, Note any Deficiencies. Rows include requirements for English literature, laboratory science, mathematics, Canadian history/geography, Canadian Studies, and 18 senior credits.

Senior Level Subject Areas: Select from ONE of A, B or C

A: 18 senior credits (third or fourth year) from one or a combination of:

Art, Biology, Chemistry, Earth/Geology, English, French, Geography, History, Mathematics, Music, Physics.

B: 18 senior credits (third or fourth year) from a combination of the following, with no more than 12 credits from any one discipline:

Anthropology, Asian Studies, Astronomy, Biochemistry, Botany, Canadian Studies, Chinese, Classical Studies, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Economics, Family Studies, First Nations Studies, German, Italian, Japanese, Kinesiology, Linguistics, Microbiology, Oceanography, Philosophy, Physical Education, Physiology, Political Science, Psychology, Punjabi, Russian, Sociology, Spanish, Statistics, Women's Studies, Zoology.

C: 18 credits (third or fourth year) from any combination of courses from List A and B with no more than 12 credits from any one discipline from List B.

NOTES:

- A minimum average of 65% (2.5 on a 4 point scale) over the 36 prerequisite credits is required to be eligible for admission.
Calculation for Admission: The grade point average for admission is calculated on the 36 credits of prerequisite credits as described.
Applicants are required to be fully competent in English, both written and spoken. Students admitted to the program whose spoken and/or written language is not satisfactory may be required to undertake improvement activities or to withdraw from the Faculty.



Elementary Years Options Notes and Reminders

Note to non-UBC applicants: one full year course = 6 UBC credits, one half-year course = 3 credits.

Students wishing to apply to the middle years option are referred to the **worksheet for the middle years option**. Those who meet the requirements for admission to the elementary options may not necessarily satisfy the requirements for admission to the middle years option.

Written English Test: Applicants who completed all or part of their post-secondary study at a non-English language institution(s) are required to provide evidence of satisfactory achievement by means of an acceptable English language test prior to registration. An LPI (Language Proficiency Index) test score of **5 or higher** is required for admission to the Faculty of Education.

Experiential Qualifications

All applicants are required to demonstrate experience working with school age children/youth. It is recommended that this experience include working with children in a group setting and with children aged appropriate to the selected teaching option. Applicants are required to submit a summary of this experience along with an essay describing what has been learned from the experience that will contribute to a future career in teaching. In addition, applicants must provide two confidential referee reports from persons who can attest to an applicant's effectiveness when working with children/youth and to their suitability to enter a teacher education program. Applicants without these experiential qualifications will not be admitted to the program.

Details of Academic Requirements

6 credits of English literature and composition: courses in English grammar, linguistics, creative writing, technical or business writing, or communication are NOT accepted.

3 credits of a laboratory science: tutorial, video session or field trips alone NOT accepted. Courses in applied science (e.g. computer science), human kinetics (physical education) or psychology are NOT accepted.

3 credits of mathematics: must be a course in mathematics (not statistics or business math) acceptable to the Faculty of Education.

3 credits of Canadian History or Canadian Geography (physical geography not accepted):

3 credits of Canadian Studies: selected from courses in the humanities **and/or** social sciences with significant Canadian content applicable to teaching the elementary or middle school curriculum. The Faculty recommends courses such as Canadian Studies, Canadian First Nations Studies, Canadian Literature, Canadian History, Canadian Geography, etc.

Note: Canadian content is defined as: "The focus of a Canadian studies course must be on understanding the Canadian experience. The Canadian content must be central to the conceptual thesis of the course rather than existing only as exemplar supporting concepts of another academic discipline".

British Columbia College of Teachers (BCCT)

Applicants must satisfy the BC College of Teachers' academic requirements for certification prior to admission to the UBC Teacher Education program. The BC College of Teachers requires a minimum of 30 credits of academic coursework. Composition of credits must provide a broad background relevant to the elementary curriculum including 6 credits of English and/or French literature and composition or equivalent, 3 credits of Canadian studies, 3 credits of mathematics and 3 credits of science or equivalent.

Additional Notes:

- Applicants must complete both the Faculty of Education admission requirements and the BC College of Teachers' requirements for certification prior to admission to the Teacher Education program. Completion of all of the above-mentioned requirements, however, does not necessarily guarantee admission to the program.