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Dear Teacher Candidates:

Welcome to the Teacher Education Program at the University of British Columbia. Becoming a professional educator is a transformative step, not only for you but for those whose lives you will influence through your work. Teaching, in whatever context you choose, is a profession that draws upon your beliefs and commitments, utilizes your strengths and talents, and can bring out the very best in learners and yourself.

You have chosen the right time and the right place to pursue a Bachelor of Education. The curricula and pedagogies in K-12 schools, as well as well as approaches to teaching and learning in other educational contexts are evolving in dynamic and innovative ways. Keeping pace with change, UBC's Teacher Education Program, which values inquiry, Indigenous perspectives, languages, literacies and cultures as well as diversity and social justice, is one of which you can be very proud – as we are! Whether you are in an elementary or middle years cohort organized by theme or approach or working in a secondary subject specialization area, this will be a year to remember!

You will be introduced to the teaching profession through your courses and practicum/field experiences as well as through the people who will comprise your professional network: your BEd colleagues and instructors, school and faculty advisors, practicum school community and the wider world of education stakeholders. Professionalism is a critical component of your role within this new network as educators are held to a high standard, and this extends to every part of the Teacher Education Program.

Your 12-month program is but the beginning of your professional learning pathway, but you can be sure that this first part of that journey will be a rewarding experience. Upon successful completion of your Bachelor of Education and subsequent recommendation for BC teacher certification, you will have many options available to you locally, provincially and beyond.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Carr".

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