BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Become a certified teacher in 11 months

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AGENDA

Presentation
Slideshow presentation with guest speakers

Q&A (*Please hold your questions until after the presentation*)
Type your questions in the chat box. Questions will be answered in order received.

Follow up
A recording of today’s webinar and slide deck will be sent to everyone afterwards.
PRESENTERS

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Program Coordinator – Student Services (Elementary & Middle Years)

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Admissions Officer
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR DEGREE

• Equivalent to a 4-year 120 credit UBC degree (1,560 hours in-class coursework)

• Can be from any accredited university or college (domestic and international)

• Can be in any discipline
### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

**Elementary & Middle Years**

You must present courses in the areas below:

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<th>Course</th>
<th>Credits</th>
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<td>Academic Study</td>
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<td>English</td>
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<td>Lab Science</td>
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**Admission Average:**

*Calculated on most recent 60 credits. 65% minimum required for consideration.*
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Secondary

You must present minimum 30 credits of coursework focused in one teachable subject.

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<th>Teachable Area</th>
<th>Minimum 30 credits</th>
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<td>Specialized Courses</td>
<td>3 credits</td>
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Admission Average:
Calculated on 18-24 credits of upper-level coursework in teachable area. 65% minimum required for consideration.
### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS  Secondary

You can enter the secondary program with up to two teachable subjects:

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<td><strong>Social Studies</strong> – Geography, History, Social Science</td>
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<td>Technology Education</td>
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ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Secondary

These subjects are not widely taught and must be paired with a second teachable subject:

- English Language Learner Education
- Modern Languages – Mandarin, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish
- Computer Science
- Social Studies – Social Science
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Secondary

These teachable subjects are in high demand:

• French*
• Home Economics
• Mathematics
• Science – Physics

*Please talk to us if you have any background in French and might be interested in pursuing teaching in French. We can advise you on the necessary steps to take.

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EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Why is experience evaluated?

What kinds of experience are relevant?

• Five examples

What are the minimum requirements?

• Minimum isn’t necessarily competitive!

Creating opportunities

• Finding experience, and making it count
MINIMUM EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

• Must have **minimum of 100 hours practical experience** working with age-appropriate groups of students and youth

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<th>AGE GROUP</th>
<th>BED PROGRAM OPTION</th>
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<td>5 to 12 years old</td>
<td>Elementary</td>
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<td>Middle Years</td>
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<td>13 to 17 years</td>
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• Classroom-based experience preferred
• Coaching, group tutoring, summer camps, youth groups, church groups also acceptable
• Experience can be in Canada or international (some Canadian experience recommended)
BEYOND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

• Go well above 100 hours!

• Work with a variety of groups - cultural diversity, different learning needs, various school districts, socioeconomic diversity, LGBT, etc.

• Take an opportunity to be a leader, rather than only providing support.

• Teach your subject area.

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CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

✓ Volunteer
  Most are paid opportunities for certified teachers; but this gives you a sense of where organizations are looking
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✓ Use your network
  Find a connection through your friends and family

✓ Look at volunteer organizations & online opportunities
  Some organizations are resuming in-person volunteer activities
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

Academic School Year
  • Classroom experience

School Summer Breaks
  • Summer camp
  • Athletic coaching

Year-Round Student Classes and Support
  • Learning centre, art studio, music conservatory, special seminars
PERSONAL PROFILE QUESTIONS

1. Why do you want to be a teacher? Maximum 300 words

2. Describe the kind of teacher you want to be. Give examples. Maximum 300 words

3. Provide additional information on your suitability for the UBC program and the teaching profession. Do not repeat information already stated. Maximum 300 words
REFERENCES

TWO professional references from appropriate individuals:

1. Must have experience working with youth or children.

2. Must have observed you working in group settings with age-appropriate students or youth.

3. Must be credible authorities who can speak competently about your experiences, interests, and abilities relevant to the teaching profession.
REFERENCES

Appropriate references:

• School administrator (e.g., principal, vice-principal)
• Teacher at an elementary or secondary school
• Camp director
• Daycare program coordinator

Inappropriate references:

• Family members
• Personal friends
• Non-education related employers
NEW ONLINE SYSTEM

• Reference reports not visible to applicant
• Applicants receive instructions in their application acknowledgement email
• Submission deadline: January 15
ADMISSION ASSESSMENT

50%

• Meeting all required courses for admission
• Competitive admission average:
  must exceed 65% and be in competitive range (changes yearly)

50%

• References (2)
• Personal Profile
• Experience

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2020

HOW TO APPLY
teach.educ.ubc.ca/admissions/apply

10 TIPS FOR PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION
teach.educ.ubc.ca/admissions/10-tips

APPLICATION WALKTHROUGH
Step-by-step walkthrough of the application process
ASK QUESTIONS!

Contact form:
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Application opens:
October 1, 2020