WEST KOOTENAY RURAL TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM (WKTEP)

11-MONTH BACHELOR OF EDUCATION PROGRAM
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

• Elementary and Secondary program options
• Full complement of UBC BEd coursework and practica
• Two-week and 10-week practicum hosted by four school districts:
  1. SD8 (Kootenay Lake)
  2. SD10 (Arrow Lakes)
  3. SD20 (Kootenay-Columbia)
  4. SD51 (Boundary)
• Three-week community field experience
BENEFITS

• Small cohort sizes
• Host school placements are individualized and support the unique strengths and areas of interest of each teacher candidate
• Wide array of learning environments including multi-age and alternate settings with a strong focus on rural education
• A focus on place-conscious learning
BECOME A TEACHER AT UBC IN NELSON, BC!

WKTEP class of 2019
DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR DEGREE

• Equivalent to a four-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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**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 at least one teachable subject.

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<th>Teachable Subject Area</th>
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<td>English Literature &amp; Composition</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>English Language Learner Education</td>
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<td>French</td>
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<td>Science – Biological Science, Chemistry, Physics</td>
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*(Business Education*)
*(Technology Education)**
*(Earth Science)**

**subjects unavailable through WKTEP
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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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

✓ 6 credits of English or French literature and composition

Courses in English or French grammar, linguistics, creative writing, technical writing, business writing, philosophy, or communications do not meet this requirement.

GPA:

Elementary & Middle Years:

✓ 65% GPA (minimum) or 2.5 on a four-point scale
✓ on the last 60 credits of post-secondary coursework

Secondary:

✓ 65% GPA on 18-24 senior level credits in subject areas
COMPLETING PREREQUISITES

- Applicants with courses in progress may still apply.

- Applications with degree and pre-requisite courses completed by Spring 2021 are preferred for admission.

Final deadline for course completion: JUNE 30
EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS
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)
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

✓ Visit a school or learning centre. Find a school, bring your resume, and say:
   “I am applying for a teacher education program and I am interested in learning what it takes to be a good teacher. May I support a teacher in your school?”

✓ Volunteer
   Most are paid opportunities for certified teachers; but this gives you a sense of where organizations are looking
   teach.educ.ubc.ca/careers/education

✓ Use your network
   Find a connection through your friends and family
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. *Give an example from your experience which illustrates your suitability for the teaching profession.*
   
   E.g., share a story of how you overcame a challenging situation, solved a problem in a professional manner, or learned from your mistake(s), etc. DO NOT REPEAT information already stated. (300 words max.)
REFERENCES
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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.

[teach.educ.ubc.ca/references]
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

teach.educ.ubc.ca/references
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
APPLICATION DEADLINE:
JANUARY 15, 2021

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
TRANSCRIPTS

• Official transcripts, sent directly by your institution, are required for all post-secondary institutions attended.

• Please arrange to have official transcripts sent directly to the Teacher Education Office.

• Order your transcripts now to ensure there is sufficient time for them to arrive at the Teacher Education Office before the January 15 deadline.
COVID-19

- COVID-19 is an ongoing pandemic with rapidly-changing developments as the global situation evolves

- If you have been planning on applying for September 2021 admission, we still encourage you to submit an application

- Please continue to check the COVID-19 Admissions FAQ section of our website for updates: teach.educ.ubc.ca/admissions-faqs-covid
QUESTIONS

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