WEST KOOTENAY RURAL TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM (WKTEP)

11-MONTH BACHELOR OF EDUCATION PROGRAM
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The 11-month UBC West Kootenay Rural Teacher Education Program (WKTEP) is located in Nelson, BC and surrounding communities.

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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 various school districts around British Columbia
- 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 unique 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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<th>Subject</th>
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<td>Canadian Studies</td>
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<td>English literature and composition</td>
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<td>Lab Science</td>
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<td>Mathematics</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 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>Home Economics</td>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
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<td>Modern Languages – Mandarin, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish</td>
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<td>Physical Education</td>
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<td>Science – Biological Science, Chemistry, Physics</td>
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<td><em>(Business Education</em>)</td>
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<td><em>(Music)</em>*</td>
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<td><em>(Technology Education)</em>*</td>
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**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.*

[teach.educ.ubc.ca/admission-requirements](http://teach.educ.ubc.ca/admission-requirements)
COMPLETING PREREQUISITES

- Applicants with courses in progress may still apply.

- Applications with degree and pre-requisite courses completed by January 15, 2022 are preferred for admission.

Final deadline for course completion: JUNE 30, 2022
WHO CAN APPLY AS AN INDIGENOUS APPLICANT?

Anybody who self-identifies as a First Nations (Status or Non-Status Indian), Métis, or Inuit person of Canada is eligible to apply as an Indigenous applicant.
HOW IS IT DIFFERENT?

• Program is the same for all applicants

• Some differences in the way application materials are collected/evaluated

• Funding opportunities available
EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS
**Minimum Experience Required**

- Applicants should have 100 hours of relevant, education-related experience with 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, faith groups also acceptable
- Experience can be in Canada or international (some Canadian experience recommended)
- 1-on-1 experience is considered on a case-by-case basis
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

✓ Find a school or learning centre, make contact with 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
  Take a look at organizations that work with youth

✓ Use your network
  Find a connection through your friends and family
PERSONAL PROFILE QUESTIONS

1. **Why do you want to be a teacher?** Maximum 1,500 characters

2. **Describe the kind of teacher you want to be.**
   Give examples. Maximum 1,500 characters

3. **Give an example from your experience which illustrates your suitability for the teaching profession.**
   For 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. Maximum 1,500 characters.

[teach.edu.ubc.ca/personal-profile]
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.**

[teach.educ.ubc.ca/references](http://teach.educ.ubc.ca/references)
REFERENCES

Appropriate references:

- School administrator (e.g., principal, vice-principal) who has observed you around age-appropriate groups of youth
- Teacher at an elementary or secondary school
- Camp director
- Daycare program coordinator

Inappropriate references:

- Family members
- Personal friends
- Non-education related employers
- Parent of a child whom applicant tutored privately
- University professor (who supervised TA work or did not observe around youth)
- Classroom teacher whose only relationship to you is as their student
REFERENCES

• Referees must not, at any point, disclose any parts of the reference report to the applicant.

• Applicants receive instructions in their application acknowledgement email.

• Applicants must input their referees’ contact information into a separate portal at the time of application.

• It is the applicant’s responsibility to follow up with their referees to ensure they have submitted their reports.

Submission deadline: JANUARY 15, 2022
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
HOW TO APPLY

1. Submit online application form at apply.educationplannerbc.ca
   - Select UBC Vancouver and select WKTEP for your Program Choice 1.
   - See our Application Walkthrough Guide at teach.educ.ubc.ca/admissions/apply/
   - Applications must be submitted by January 15, 2022

2. Submit official supporting documentation
   - Transcripts, proof of course registration (if applicable), and reference reports
   - Documents should be submitted by January 15, 2022

3. Submit the academic supplemental form
   - Form should be submitted by January 31, 2022

4. A WKTEP team member will speak with eligible applicants
TRANSCRIPTS

• Official transcripts are required for all post-secondary institutions attended.
• Please arrange to have official transcripts sent directly to the Teacher Education Office by issuing institution to the UBC Teacher Education Office (TEO):
  • Mail: 103-2125 Main Mall, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z4
  • Secure electronic delivery: teacher.ed@ubc.ca
    (we do not accept official transcripts directly from applicants)
• Proof of registration is required for any coursework in-progress after January 15th.
• teach.educ.ubc.ca/admissions/apply/transcripts/
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QUESTIONS

Contact form: teach.educ.ubc.ca/contact/hello

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