UBC’S RURAL TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

WKTEP & RURAL & REMOTE
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
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WKTEP

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 2022
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>
<th>Credits</th>
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<td>Canadian Studies</td>
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<td>Canadian History/Geography</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>
<th>Minimum 30 credits</th>
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<td>English Literature &amp; Composition</td>
<td>6 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>Computer Science</td>
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<td>Culinary Arts Education</td>
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<td>English</td>
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<td>English Language Learner Education</td>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
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<td><strong>Modern Languages</strong> – Mandarin, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish</td>
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<td>Physical Education</td>
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<td><strong>Science</strong> – Biological Science, Chemistry, Physics</td>
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<td>Social Studies       – Geography, History, Social Science</td>
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*Business Education**
*Home Economics**
*Music**
*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
COMPLETING PREREQUISITES

• Applicants with courses in progress may still apply.

• Applications with degree and pre-requisite courses completed by January 15, 2023 are preferred for admission.

Final deadline for course completion: JUNE 30, 2023
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
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>11 to 14 years old</td>
<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.educ.ubc.ca/personal-profile
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) 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, 2023
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
2-YEAR BLENDED PROGRAM

RURAL AND REMOTE PROGRAM

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

2022-2024
WHAT IS THE RURAL AND REMOTE TEACHER ED PROGRAM?

- The Rural and Remote (RRED) BEd program is a 24-month, 60-credit, post-baccalaureate Teacher Education Program.
- Inaugural intake was in August 2022
- **Note: no planned intake for 2023 at this time; next planned intake is for August 2024.**
- Program is focused on Elementary & Middle Years and thus, follows Elementary & Middle Years program admission requirements.
- 36 credits (16 courses) are completed through in-person learning in Nelson, BC at the WKTEP learning centre during summers.
- 24 credits (9 courses) are completed online.
- Practica experiences are face-to-face and supervised by certified teachers in rural and remote areas of BC.

[teach.educ.ubc.ca/bachelor-of-education-program/rural-and-remote-program/](teach.educ.ubc.ca/bachelor-of-education-program/rural-and-remote-program/)
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, 2023

2. Submit official supporting documentation
   • Transcripts, proof of course registration (if applicable), and reference reports
   • Documents must be submitted by January 15, 2023

3. Submit the academic supplemental form
   • Form should be submitted by January 31, 2023

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

TEO email: teacher.ed@ubc.ca

WKTEP email: wktep.educ@ubc.ca

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