

PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE AND CHECKLIST
SECONDARY EDUCATION: CONCURRENT B.A./B.ED. OR B.SC./B.ED. PROGRAM

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Program Overview

TWU's Concurrent 5-year B.A./B.Ed. and B.Sc./B.Ed. Secondary Education Program is designed to lead to the highest certification available in British Columbia, a Professional Teaching Certificate, valid in all grades in both public and independent schools in B.C. At the present time, the final professional year must be taken at another university. However, we hope to be able to introduce our own secondary professional year in 2008.

The program includes the following components:

- *TWU and BC certification core requirements* (Page 2 of this guide). You complete most of these during your first and second year.
- *Specializations in teachable subject areas*: See the last page of this guide. Choose your specialization(s) during your first year in order to complete your program in five years. Take courses in your specialization(s) each semester.
- *Foundational education courses*: You take 27 sem. hrs. of education courses during your 2nd, 3rd, and 4th years. These include at least three initial classroom experiences.
- *Professional year program*: The fifth year is a one-year professional program. Entry to professional year programs, whether at TWU or elsewhere, are competitive.

After successfully completing the first four years of the program you will graduate with a B.A. or a B.Sc. degree. After the professional year at TWU, you will also receive TWU's B.Ed. degree.

Progressing through the Program

After you complete EDUC 203, 211, and 200 (usually in Year 2), you apply to be accepted into TWU's teacher education program. For this you need a *minimum* GPA of 2.7 (B-) in your last 60 sem. hrs. of course work, an average of at least 2.0 (C) in ENGL 103/104 or their equivalents, and a positive recommendation of your education professors. *Entry into Year 3 does not guarantee acceptance into a professional year.*

If you are not accepted into Year 3, you may take upper level education courses if space permits but **ONLY** if your cumulative GPA is at least 2.5. You may (re)apply for acceptance into the program once you meet the above conditions, or you may complete a minor in education as part of a B.A. or B.Sc. degree (*a minor in education does not lead to teacher certification*).

In your fourth year you apply for acceptance into a professional year of teacher education. While entry into such a program is competitive, your first four years at TWU give you an excellent grounding. You should consult the Dean of Education about the application process prior to November 15th. Aim for a GPA of 3.0 (B) or higher cumulative GPA.

Note that other post-secondary institutions may have different professional program entry requirements than TWU. Therefore check with institutions that you may be considering to ensure you meet their requirements.

Using the Checklist

The *inside pages* form a checklist to keep track of your progress. Enter course names and numbers where applicable, together with the semester and year that you took each course.

Enter "TC" for courses transferred in, but check these with your advisor to ensure that these may be counted towards teacher certification. Community college courses not transferable to major universities cannot be applied to the 162 sem. hrs. required for the B.A./B.Ed. or B.Sc./B.Ed. degrees. For B.C. certification Bible College transfer credits count **ONLY** if the Bible College is fully accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education and if a course has a TWU equivalent that counts towards the concurrent degree program. We cannot guarantee that such Bible College courses will be accepted by other institutions.

The required minimum for graduation from the program is 162 sem. hrs. of approved credit. *That means you must complete 124 sem. hrs. of credit in your first four years rather than the 122 usually required for graduation with a B.A. or a B.Sc.* In adding your totals, do not count twice courses entered both on the left and right pages in the centre of this guide!

QUESTIONS ABOUT TEACHER EDUCATION?

If you have questions, get them answered!

All education professors can give you advice about your program. However, here are persons you should initially contact:

- Our office administrator, June Smith, can answer many of your specific questions about our program.
- Dr. Gordon Gillion (Strombeck #115) is our "point person" for advising. He will help you if you're a transfer student, if you need answers to difficult questions, or if you're wondering whether you should be in the education program.
- Year 3 and 4 education students should see their own education advisor.

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Enter the semester and year you took each TWU course (e.g. F07 if taken in Fall Semester 2007). Show transfer courses as "TC." **If you are considering teaching middle school, use the K-8 form for the core requirements but use this checklist in order to meet secondary subject specialization requirements, and include EDUC 465 as an elective in your program.**

A. TWU AND B.C. CERTIFICATION CORE REQUIREMENTS

Discipline	Course	Sem. Hrs.	Yr/Sem	Notes
ENGLISH	ENGL 103	3		Take in Year 1. Min. 2.0 (C) average required for ENGL courses.
	ENGL 104	3		
HUMAN KINETICS <i>[Alternate to act'y courses]</i>	HKIN 190	2		Take in Year 1. Substitute HKIN 191 if you take HKIN as one of your specializations.
	HKIN__ & __	2		Two sem. hrs. of activity courses.
	HKIN 350	3		<i>Educ. students may take this INSTEAD of 2 activity courses.]</i>
HISTORY	HIST	3		HIST 135 or 136 keeps options open for teaching at the elementary or middle school levels.
PHILOSOPHY	PHIL	3		PHIL 210 recommended.
NATURAL SCIENCES		3		Lab Science: BIOL 241 accepted for elementary certification only for human kinetics specialists (and possibly not by other programs).
		3		A mathematics course keeps your options open for teaching at the elementary or middle school levels.
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	RELS 101	3		May be challenged and replaced with Biblical Studies alternatives chosen from other Bible content courses.
	RELS 102	3		
	RELS	3		Bible content (a course whose second digit is 0 to 5).
	RELS	3		A RELS course whose second digit is 6 to 9. You may also choose PHIL 210, 310, 383, 384; HIST 308, 347, 348, 361, 362, 398, 465; SOCI 331; or PSYC 440. NOTE: PHIL 210 & 310 cannot be double counted with PHIL core requirement.
INTRODUCTION TO UNIVERSITY	UNIV 101	1		Required if you entered the university with fewer than 27 sem. hrs. of transfer credit.
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES	IDIS 102	1		Required if you entered TWU with <42 sem hrs. of TC
		3		EDUC 495 or an approved equivalent. Note that if you take an approved equivalent, you may not be eligible for TWU's B.Ed. if you take your professional year elsewhere since you must then have 30 sem. hrs. of education courses.
FINE ARTS		3		Not small drama or music ensembles or music lessons. Drama 371 or 372 recommended for students interested in drama.
SOCIAL SCIENCES	PSYC 106	3		Take during Year 1 (prerequisite for EDUC 211). PSYC 105 also accepted, but 106 preferred.

- Complete most core courses during Years 1 and 2, but EDUC 495 or equivalent is normally taken in Year 4.
- Students with a minimum of 57 sem. hrs. of transfer credit when entering TWU have reduced core requirements (see the *TWU Academic Calendar*).

B. EDUCATION COURSES:

Course	Sem. Hrs.	Yr/Sem	Notes
EDUC 200	3		EDUC 200, 203 and 211 are introductory education "screen courses" that you normally take during Year 2 of the concurrent program.
EDUC 203	3		
EDUC 211	3		
EDUC 310	3		You may take upper level education courses if you have been accepted into TWU's Teacher Education Program. If you have a cumulative GPA between 2.50 and 2.69 you will be allowed to take upper level education courses only if space is available.
EDUC 321	3		
EDUC 365	3		
EDUC 400	3		
EDUC 465	3		Currently offered every other year—take when offered in either Year 3 or Year 4.
EDUC 302	1		Classroom experience courses.
EDUC 303	1		
EDUC 402	1		
EDUC 402	1		
			EDUC 403 also recommended.

PROFESSIONAL YEAR (YEAR 5)

You take an approved professional year that includes a minimum of 38 sem. hrs. of credit, with at least 12 weeks of practica, and leads to provincial or state teacher certification. A checklist showing TWU’s professional year courses will be available when the program begins. It will be a 9-month program (end of August to end of May) that includes 38 sem. hrs. of credit, including about 19 weeks of school-based practica.

C. ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATIONS

- For the secondary program you take either *two minors/concentrations* with a minimum 18 sem. hrs. of senior level credit in each, or a *major* with a minimum of 30 sem. hrs. of senior level credit. Minors and majors must meet all regular TWU requirements. See the back page for approved subjects. For employability, two minors/concentrations are generally preferred over a major.
- “Senior level” courses include all upper level 300- and 400-level ones.
- If you specialize in art, music, drama, and/or human kinetics, note that you may take *a maximum of 18 senior level sem. hrs. of studio, performance, activity, and/or leadership courses.*

Subject specialization #1: _____

Major, Concentration, or Minor (*circle*)

Course No.	Sem. Hrs.	Yr/Sem	Course No.	Sem. Hrs.	Yr/Sem	Course No.	Sem. Hrs.	Yr/Sem	Course No.	Sem. Hrs.	Yr/Sem
<i>Lower level courses</i>						<i>Upper level courses</i>					

Subject specialization #2: _____

Major, Concentration, or Minor (*circle*)

Course No.	Sem. Hrs.	Yr/ Sem	Course No.	Sem. Hrs.	Yr/Sem	Course No.	Sem. Hrs.	Yr/Sem	Course No.	Sem. Hrs.	Yr/ Sem
<i>Lower level courses</i>						<i>Upper level courses</i>					

D. ELECTIVES

Course	Sem. Hrs.	Yr/Sem	Notes
			Depending on your specialization(s), you may not have room to take electives unless you take additional courses beyond the 162 sem. hrs. required for graduation. GEOG 230 will keep options open for elementary and middle school programs.

Total sem. hrs. of senior level course work in two approved subject specializations: _____ (min. 18+18=36 sem. hrs.)
 Total sem. hrs. of senior level course work in one approved subject specialization: _____ (min. 30 sem. hrs.)
 Total sem. hrs. of credit for graduation after 4 years with B.A. or B.Sc.: _____ (min. 124 sem. hrs.)
 Total sem. hrs. of credit for concurrent B.A./B.Ed. or B.Sc./B.Ed.: _____ (min. 162 sem. hrs.)

Note that some secondary subject specializations require a higher total because of upper level and ancillary requirements.

Choosing Your Subject Specializations

For the secondary education program, you complete *either* one teachable subject major with 30 sem. hrs. of senior level course work *or* two minors/concentrations, each of which has 18 sem. hrs. of senior level course work (normally these are 300- and 400-level courses). *You will have a better chance to obtain a teaching position if you have two teachable subject specializations.*

You may choose any of the following for a single subject major specialization for the secondary program:

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer science
- English
- History (*see note below*)
- Mathematics
- Music

For two minor/concentration specializations, each with 18 sem. hrs. of senior level course work, you may choose from any of the above as well as from the following:

- Drama
- French
- Geography (*see note below*)
- Human kinetics (*see note below*)
- Physics

NOTES:

1. *Check with the professional year program that you plan to attend for specific requirements. For instance, to enter Simon Fraser University's secondary social studies program, you must take 3 sem. hrs. of Canadian geography; 3 additional sem. hrs. of geography; 6 sem. hrs. of Canadian history covering both pre- and post-Confederation; 9 sem. hrs. of European history covering the medieval, 1500-1815, and 20th century periods; and 3 sem. hrs. of regional history from Africa, Asia, or Latin America. In other words, if you specialize in geography, you will also need 24 sem. hrs. of specified history courses.*
2. *NOTE: Some upper level HKIN courses do **not** count toward BCCT-required upper level ones (e.g., HKIN 350, 355, 455, and 456 are considered to be education courses). See the HKIN Department Chair or the Dean of Education for details. Applications for SFU's PDP by HKIN specialists are stronger when they include a major in one of the above acceptable single subject specializations.*

For the B.Sc./B.Ed. (secondary education), you must complete one major or two academic specializations in the sciences and/or mathematics and computer science. You must also complete all other requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree (such as ancillary courses). *In the sciences, two minors/concentrations rather than a major are strongly recommended.*

Completing Your Program on Schedule

The secondary teacher education program is a very full program. That is, you have little or no room for electives if you want to complete the program in five years. Indeed, you are not able to complete the full program within the minimum 162 sem. hrs. of credit for a number of specializations. To complete the program as efficiently as possible, follow the recommendations below.

First year: Take 33 sem. hrs. of courses (16 one semester; 17 the other). Take ENGL 103 and 104; UNIV 101; IDIS 102; and PSYC 106. Also try to take 10-15 sem. hrs. additional coursework that counts toward your core, including, if at all possible, a lab science, a religious studies, and an HKIN course. Finally, take at least 6 sem. hrs. of course work in each of your specializations. The important thing to keep in mind is that each course you take should "fit" somewhere in the checklist (but NOT in the elective section).

Second year: Take about 33 sem. hrs. of courses. Take EDUC 203 and 211 in the first semester; EDUC 200 in the second. Complete most of the core requirements on page 2. Take at least two subject specialization courses each semester, including the prerequisites for upper level courses.

Third year: Take three of EDUC 310, 365, 321, and 465 as well as two classroom experience courses (EDUC 302 and 303). Take as many subject specialization courses as you can fit in. Except for EDUC 495, complete your core requirements if you haven't already done so.

Fourth year: Take EDUC 400, 495, and the one education course not taken in Year 3, as well as a third and recommended fourth classroom experience course (EDUC 402 and 403). Complete your specializations.. Depending on the specialization(s) you chose, this is the year that you may have room to fit in one or two electives. *Note that you should complete at least 124 sem. hrs. of course credit in your four years at TWU.*

If you intend to teach middle school, follow the elementary program guide and checklist EXCEPT that you should meet the secondary subject specialization requirements shown on this page.

If you have already completed a B.A. or B.Sc. and are applying to TWU's Professional Year, you should use the POST-DEGREE B.Ed. Planning Guide and Checklist rather than this one.

When first enrolling in TWU as a prospective teacher, please prepare TWO copies of this checklist. Give one to your advisor who will put it into your file to keep track of your progress and help give you sound advice.

