

education

1: Concurrent five-year BA/B.Ed & BSc/B.Ed

Why be a teacher? It's a vocation, a special calling from God. As a teacher, you help children and young people find meaning and purpose in their lives within a loving, safe, and respectful learning community. You foster the development of understanding, abilities, dispositions, and creativity. You teach students to use their insights and gifts to serve God and others within a framework of positive values.



TWU's Concurrent Education Program

Trinity Western's concurrent program allows you to work toward a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree at the same time as a Bachelor of Education degree. Most students graduate after four years with a BA or B.Sc, and, after nine more months of successful study, also receive a B.Ed [Students who already have a BA or B.Sc degree should refer to the separate sheet for the Post-Degree B.Ed Program.]

TWU core and basic requirements include a general core of diverse courses for a teaching career (48 sem. hrs. at the elementary level and 45 sem. hrs. at the secondary level)

Academic specialization(s) in one or two teachable subjects (42- 48 sem. hrs.), depending on specialization and overlap with core)

EDUCATION COURSES TAKEN WHILE COMPLETING BA OR B.Sc (FIRST FOUR YEARS; 33-34 SEM. HRS.) This includes general courses such as introduction to teaching and learning, social issues in education, curriculum planning, and classroom management. You normally also have four semesters of classroom experiences for half a day a week.

PROFESSIONAL YEAR (GRADES K-8; 37 SEM. HRS.) This year consists of long practica interspersed with seminars and workshops, as well as courses in how to teach math, social studies, science, and language arts, and how to assess students.

PROFESSIONAL YEAR (GRADES 9-12; 37 SEM. HRS.) This year consists of long practica interspersed with seminars and workshops, as well as courses in how to teach math/science, humanities and one additional teaching specialization.

Our teacher education programs prepare you to teach in both public and independent schools. You gain a comprehensive and spiritually grounded Christian understanding of effective learning and teaching for today's pluralistic society. You consider how you can structure and guide classroom learning using sound educational principles—and then implement such guidelines.

Preparing to Become a Teacher

At the end of your second year at TWU you apply for entry into TWU's education program. To be successful, you need a 2.7 (B-) cumulative grade point average, a minimum C average in two English courses (Literature and Composition), and the recommendation of your 2nd year education course professors.

In your fourth year you apply for entry into the Professional Year. Your GPA should be at least 2.7 (B-) for your last 60 sem. hrs. of study. Your suitability for teaching as shown, for instance, in how well you did in your initial classroom experiences, is also assessed. During your final Professional Year you implement and extend your knowledge and skills in seminars and classroom practica under the guidance of master teachers as well as professors.

Middle schools usually include grades 6, 7 and 8. If you are interested in being placed in a middle school for your Professional Year, your initial four years should include the core courses required for certification at the elementary school level.

Teacher Certification

TWU's programs lead to a British Columbia Professional Teaching Certificate issued by the B.C. College of Teachers, the provincial certification authority. This certificate is valid at all grade levels. The TWU School of Education sends the BCCT a list of students who have completed teacher certification requirements. Each student forwards an application to the BCCT for formal evaluation for certification. If you are not a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, you will receive a letter of standing that indicates you qualify for the Professional Certificate. A Professional Certificate or the letter of standing will entitle you, upon application, to obtain a valid interim teaching certificate in most jurisdictions in Canada and the United States. However, if you're from the U.S., check early in your program whether the state where you plan to teach has any special requirements that you should include in your studies.



Transfer Credit

Students may transfer courses into TWU's education program from post-secondary institutions accredited and recognized by the British Columbia College of Teachers, the provincial teacher certification authority.

The BCCT only recognizes credit from Bible Colleges which are full members of the Association for Biblical Higher Education.

International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placements courses are transferable subject to specified minimum grades.

Transfer credit for teacher education courses depend on their equivalency to those offered in TWU's teacher education program.

Career Opportunities

Almost all our teacher education graduates have obtained immediate teaching contracts upon graduation. Teachers in particular demand include mathematics and science teachers at the secondary level and French and ESL teachers at all levels.

TWU education grads teach in both public and independent schools in Canada, the United States, and in many other countries around the world. They also teach English as a second language, particularly in Asian countries.

International students who complete their teacher certification at TWU are eligible to work in the lower mainland area for one year after graduation, under the Canadian Graduate Work Permit Program, if offered employment by a school district or independent school.

"TWU's education program is empowering and collaborative. It prepares you well for the classroom! I found it to be a really strong community!"

SANDRA BOOKER (CLASS OF 2006)

"TWU's education program is superb in covering all the professional responsibilities required by teachers. I've been well supported by a positive and skilled staff."

J. SCHEMBRI, SCHOOL ASSOCIATE TEACHER,
DOUGLAS PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Teachable Subject Specializations

Those teaching K-8 usually take two subject specializations with a total of 24 sem. hrs. each. Each subject must meet TWU requirements. You may take a major in certain approved subjects, but will need at least 42 sem. hrs. with 30 of senior level courses, but this option is not recommended for teaching at the elementary or middle school level. You may also take another minor in any area including Religious or Catholic Studies if you plan on teaching at an independent school. The following is a list of acceptable subject specializations:

Art	French	History	Human Kinetics
Biology	Applied Linguistics/TESL	Mathematics	Social Studies (conc)
Chemistry	Physics	Music	Environ Studies (major)
English	International Studies (major)	Computing Science	
Canadian Studies (conc)	Geography	Theatre	

For the secondary education program (Grades 8-12), you must complete at least one major or two minors from the following teachable subject specializations. For employment purposes it is preferable to complete either two minors or one of the interdisciplinary majors.

Applied Ling/TESL **	Chemistry	Geography**	Music
Art	Computing Science	History	Physics**
Biology	English	Human Kinetics*	Social Studies**
Business**	Environmental Studies*	International Studies*	Theatre**
Canadian Studies*	French	Mathematics	

* Subjects must contain 24 sem. hrs. in one teachable subject area (such as biology for environmental studies, history for International Studies and History or Geography for Canadian Studies, or either human kinetics or physical education if Human Kinetics is a major). ** Students cannot major in the subject areas with a double asterisk (**) and can only choose one of them as a minor.

Applying for the Program

For application into the program contact:

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