

# education

## <sup>1</sup>: Two-year post-degree B.Ed program (K-12)

**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 Post-Degree B.Ed Program

Trinity Western's Post-Degree B.Ed Program is for those who want to teach at the elementary, middle school, or high school levels and who have completed a BA or B.Sc that meets the requirements of the acceptable degree policy for certification in British Columbia.

During Year 1 of the Program (September-April) you usually take ten education courses such as principles of teaching and learning, teaching exceptional students in your classroom, curriculum planning, and classroom management. You also complete two initial classroom experience practica and, if you haven't already done so, a course in religious studies.

In Year 2 of the Program you implement and extend your knowledge and skills in seminars and classroom practica under the guidance of master teachers as well as professors. These practica normally take place in public schools within a 30 KM radius from the TWU campus. You also take several curriculum and pedagogy courses in relevant subject areas.

If you have not yet completed a BA or B.Sc degree, you should consider Trinity Western's Concurrent B.Ed Program. Inquire for a separate fact sheet detailing that program.

### Prerequisites

Applicants to the Post-Degree B.Ed Program are expected to have completed a BA or B.Sc degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.7 (B-) during their last two years.

To meet professional certification requirements in B.C. for Elementary School teachers (K-7), the degree must include the following core course and subject specializations:

- English (6 sem. hrs., including both composition and literature, with a minimum C average)
- Mathematics (3 sem. hrs.)
- Science (3 sem. hrs. )
- Canadian Studies (3 sem. hrs.)
- 30 sem. hrs. of coursework in faculties other than Education

To meet professional certification requirements in B.C. for High School teacher (8-12) your undergraduate degree must include 6 sem. hrs. of English (including both composition and literature) and 24 sem. hrs. in one teachable subject area. A teachable subject area refers to a subject commonly taught in British Columbia secondary schools.

If you are one or two courses short of having completed these requirements, we will consider you for entry if you can show how you will complete them prior to entering the second year of the Post-Degree B.Ed Program.

### Teacher Certification

The Post-Degree B.Ed Program leads to a British Columbia Professional Teaching Certificate issued by the B.C. College of Teachers, the provincial teacher certification authority. This certificate is valid at all grade levels. The 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 stating that you qualify for the Professional Certificate. A Professional Certificate or the letter of standing will entitle you, upon application, to 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 specific requirements that you should include in your studies.



## Transfer Credit

The Post-Degree B.Ed Program is a complete, self-contained program of 69 sem. hrs. However, students may be given up to 6 sem. hrs. of transfer credit for equivalent courses successfully completed at accredited post-secondary institutions. The Dean of Education makes final decisions about course equivalency.

The British Columbia College of Teachers (BCCT) recognizes credits from Bible colleges only if the Bible College is a full member of the Association for Biblical Higher Education and if an AUCC-member university has granted you transfer credit for such courses within your degree program. International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement courses are recognized subject to specified minimum grades

## Overview of TWU's Post-Degree B.Ed Program

**PREREQUISITES:** Basic required core courses for teacher certification and academic specialization(s) in one or two teachable subjects (with an approved 30-36 sem. hrs. of senior level credit).

**COURSES TAKEN IN THE FIRST YEAR (32 SEM. HRS.):** Ten professional teacher education courses; two classroom experience practica; and a course on critical issues in education and culture (or another approved "worldview thought" course).

**PROFESSIONAL YEAR (GRADES K-12; 37 SEM. HRS):** This year consists of long practica interspersed with seminars and workshops, as well as several curriculum and pedagogy courses in relevant subject areas.

## Applying for the Program

The initial deadline for applications is January 15th for entry the following September. Applicants will be informed by February 15th of their acceptance into the program. Late applications will be considered if space remains available. Application packages may be downloaded from the TWU website or may be obtained from:

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*"TWU's teacher education program is thorough and comprehensive. It prepared me well for the classroom. The support and kindness provided was vital for my success."*

ANABELA RANDA (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

