

TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY



SCHOOL OF
EDUCATION



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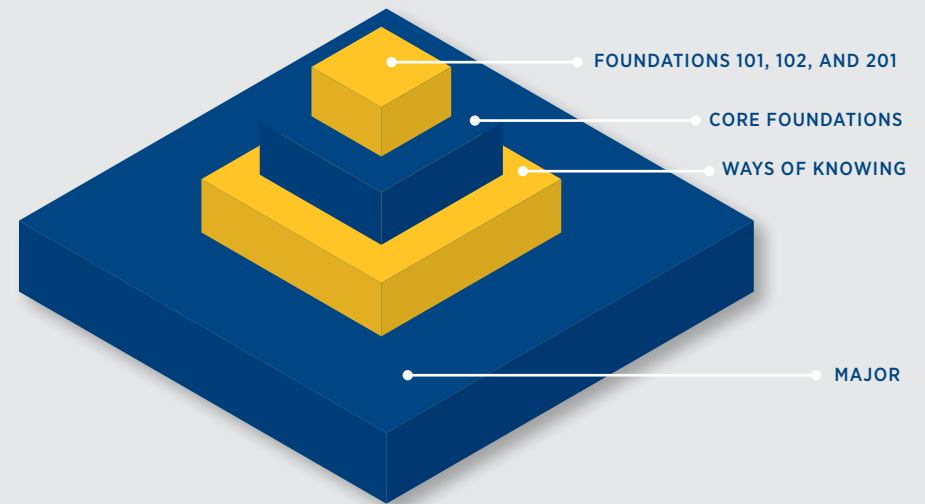
LIBERAL ARTS CORE

TWU offers you a liberal arts education because we believe that the world needs innovative thinkers to solve the problems of today and the problems that don't exist yet. Our liberal arts core curriculum gives you the opportunities and experiences you need to prepare for the kind of life that makes an impact, addressing society's deepest needs with Christian compassion and wisdom.

Your educational experiences at Trinity Western University create a structure of this holistic preparation for your life. Your major represents the largest part of the structure, and the liberal arts core curriculum is at its centre. Moving from the centre outward, each group of courses that you take in the core curriculum impact and influence the ones you take in your major, preparing you for the workplace and for life.

FOUNDATIONS 101, 102, AND 201

Every TWU student takes Foundations 101, 102, and 201 because these courses provide a way of becoming part of the TWU community, thriving during your time here and beyond, and exploring different ways of knowing about the world.



CORE FOUNDATIONS

For Core Foundations, you will choose courses in the areas of Academic Research and Writing, Logical and Ethical Reasoning, Religious and Spiritual Thought, and Scientific Method and Lab Research.

WAYS OF KNOWING

The Ways of Knowing are six broad areas with many courses to choose from in each one: Aesthetic + Performance, Cultural + Linguistic, Experiential + Embodied, Historical + Archival, Quantitative + Computational, and Social + Global.

For more information, visit twu.ca/liberalartscore.



ALLYSON JULE, PHD
Dean, School of Education

TWU's School of Education offers both undergraduate and graduate programs in the field of Education. Teacher education and educational scholarship are our strengths, as is our commitment to link the best of educational theory with the best of classroom practices.

TWU's School of Education is the only program in B.C. that intentionally combines the educational practice of teaching and learning with Christian spiritual understandings. This connection invites deep conversations and reflections on what it means to be human, to be educated, and to live well with others and the natural world.

All of our students, teacher candidates, and graduate students are guided by the lifelong exploration and development of philosophical and theological insights. We value teaching as a highly complex and challenging vocation. It is our aim to help our students develop reflective discernment through wisdom, humility, peace, patience, reverence, gratitude, compassion, faithfulness, attentiveness, and a love of beauty. These virtue pathways are our commitment to the teaching profession. You can explore virtue pathways more on our website.

As a relatively small School of Education, we offer a high degree of student and faculty engagement and support that deeply enhance all learning experiences. Our programs offer students more opportunities to experience schools than many other Teacher Education Programs are able to offer, ensuring that our graduates are well prepared for careers in teaching and educational research.

Our graduates are well respected and admired in both the public and private school systems in B.C., across Canada, and around the world. If you are thinking of a career in Education, TWU's School of Education is the place to be!





Unique to Trinity Western is the concurrent nature of the Education program. This means that in five years, you earn two degrees: either a BA or BSc in four years and, in the fifth year, a BEd.

TWU's Education program begins in the second semester of the first year, and already in the second year, you gain practical experience in school classrooms, observing mentor teachers and applying what you've been learning in the classroom.

During the first four years, you complete core requirements, subject specializations, professional education courses, and initial classroom experiences. At the end of four years, you will earn a BA or BSc and will have enriched your learning through five in-depth practicums.

BA/BSc Program at a Glance

15-16 semester hours per semester

Liberal arts core and teacher requirements for B.C.	16 courses (37 sem. hrs.) Core: Foundational Inquiries and Ways of Knowing Some are included within the Education courses
Education concentration	11 Education courses plus in-school classroom experiences (34 sem. hrs.)
SUBJECT SPECIALIZATIONS	
Two minors/concentration	For each: 8-13 courses (16-26 courses in total) For each: 24-30+ sem. hrs. (48-60 sem. hrs. + in total)
One major	Approximately 14 courses (42 sem. hrs.)
ONGOING SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE VIA YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR AND PROGRAM CHECKLISTS	
First year focus: core classes (Foundations & EDUC 211)	

TWU's School of Education is known for its:

- Strong connection between theory and practice
- Inquiry-based/personal connections
- Carefully constructed core course progression
- Initial classroom experiences
- Unique professional year

ALUMNI PERSPECTIVES

“Our time in the School of Education at TWU was transformational, equipping, and empowering in the most sacred of ways. Daily, we were given the opportunity to learn from exceptional educators in small, personalized learning environments, who modelled creative and engaging lessons for us to learn from. Additionally, we were pushed beyond textbooks and theory and were challenged to focus on the head, heart, and hands. We would highly recommend TWU to aspiring educators who value being poured into and challenged, and who appreciate the rich benefit of high levels of collaboration with their peers. We still find ourselves in contact with our past professors and classmates and are thankful for having received such a strong foundation for our teaching practice.”



KELVIN AND MEGAN BENDER (2016)

The fifth year of the Education program is a professional certification year—or Professional Year Program (PYP). This final year gives you the opportunity to participate in seminars and in two lengthy classroom practicums under the guidance of mentor teachers as well as professors.

You will complete curriculum and pedagogy courses during December, January, and May of the professional year.

Upon successfully completing the PYP, you receive a BEd degree in addition to a BA or BSc. This program leads to a British Columbia professional teaching certificate, valid in all grades of both public and independent schools in B.C.

PROFESSIONAL YEAR AT A GLANCE

- Timeline: 8.5 months (end of August to middle of May)
- In schools: 20 weeks in one practicum (full-time for eight consecutive weeks)
- On campus: pedagogy courses and professional workshops
- Supportive mentors: faculty (university) and school associate (classroom teacher)

WHAT ABOUT EMPLOYMENT?

Here is the good news:

- 90 to 100 % of our grads receive employment contracts immediately after graduation.
- Our grads are actively recruited by Surrey, Langley, and Abbotsford school districts, independent and international schools.
- Especially in demand locally are teachers who specialize in math, chemistry, physics, computer science, French, special education, and music.

“I have been very impressed with the professionalism of the TWU students: their willingness to learn from others, to take initiative, to be helpful, and to be reflective practitioners. They have all demonstrated high standards of conduct. TWU provides a very thorough, practical program and strives to equip student teachers with experiences that will enable them to be successful in their teaching career.”

CHRISTA NYTE, GRADE 2 TEACHER, LANGLEY FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





**The two-year post-degree BEd program is designed for university graduates from TWU or other recognized universities.*

If you already hold a BA or BSc degree that meets the requirements of the acceptable degree policy for certification in B.C., you can apply for a two-year post-degree program to earn a BEd.

During the first year of the program, you will take three foundation education courses as well as courses in social issues in education, teaching exceptional students, curriculum planning, classroom management and leadership, assessment and evaluation, literacy or middle/senior years education, and an interdisciplinary course in Christian perspectives applied to educational issues.

You will also complete two initial classroom experience practicums.

The second year of the program includes two lengthy classroom practicums under the guidance of mentor teachers and education professors.

You complete the program by taking curriculum and pedagogy courses in December, January, and May.

Applications to the post degree program are accepted from mid-October - February 15 each year. To apply, contact the Admissions office.

EMPLOYERS RECOGNIZE TWU'S SCHOOL OF EDUCATION GRADUATES AS:

- Dedicated and collaborative
- Professional and thoughtful
- Compassionate and passionate
- Eager to learn and to serve
- Ready to teach and contribute

“My experience with my student teacher has been excellent. He’s been a top-notch student, and not only has he benefited from our exchange of ideas, but I have as well. I’d definitely recommend TWU’s School of Education to others for the professionalism and preparation of its students.”

TERRY STEAD, DIRECTOR OF EDGE, AN EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAM. WALNUT GROVE SECONDARY SCHOOL, LANGLEY, B.C.



SPECIAL EDUCATION MINOR

Trinity Western is one of the few Canadian universities to offer a minor in special education. In this minor, you are equipped to meet the broad range of special educational needs specific to students' cognitive, social-emotional, and sensory differences. To further enhance your learning, you will spend 25 hours in a resource room or with a special education teacher in practicum observation.

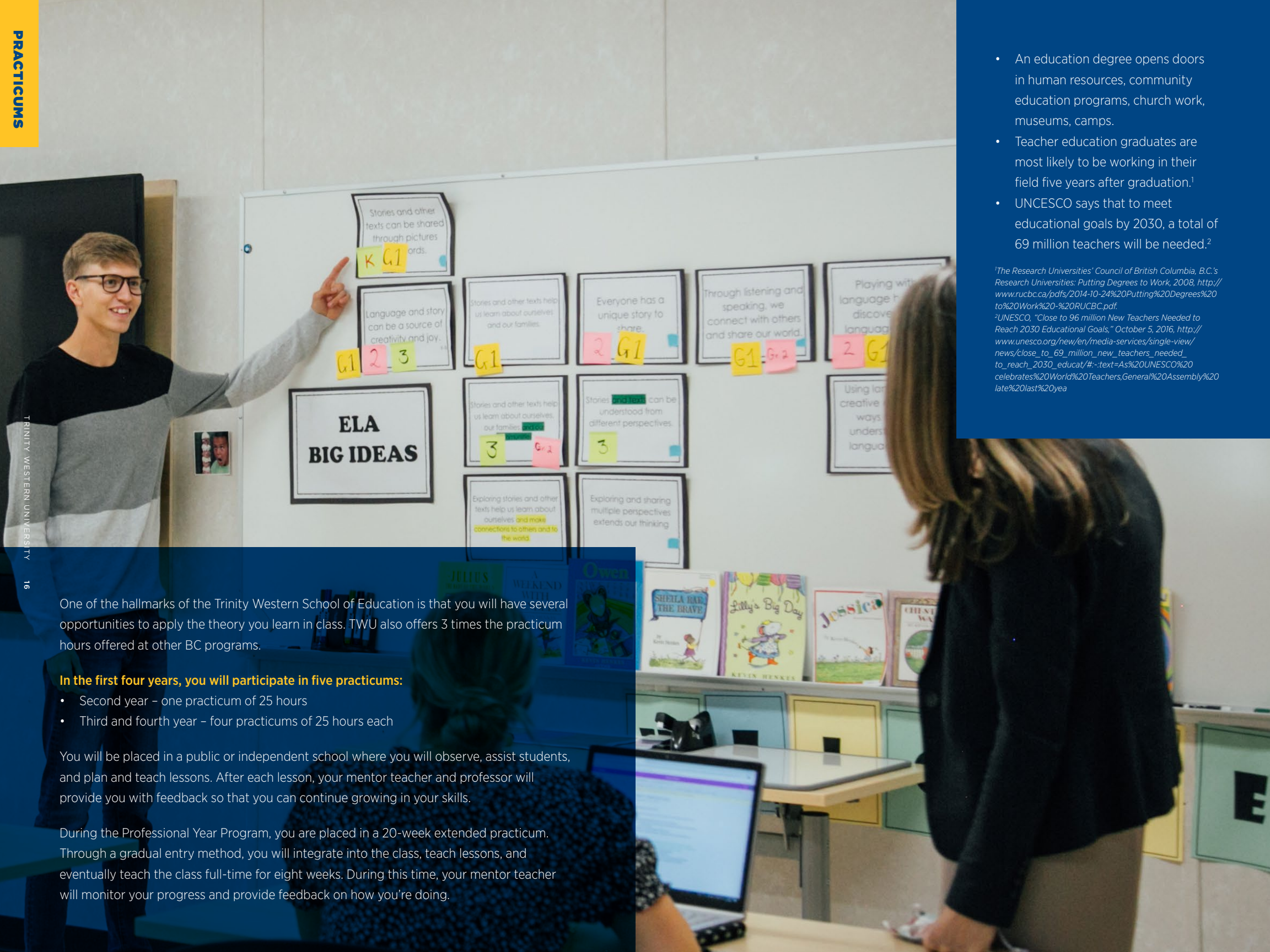
“The Special Education minor equips future teachers while providing enriching, eye-opening, and life-changing experiences for the students. I truly appreciate that the program enables the students to engage in classroom practicum experiences so that they can be equipped with useful strategies and approaches as a teacher. The professors are approachable, build positive, professional relationships with students, and foster a learning environment where learning and research are widely applied and accepted.”



EVANGELYNE LEE (CURRENT STUDENT)

EDUCATION CONCENTRATION OR MINOR

You can take an education minor as a teachable subject area. The minor consists of 25 semester hours in education and psychology coursework. Education coursework is in addition to coursework already required in the BEd degree.



- An education degree opens doors in human resources, community education programs, church work, museums, camps.
- Teacher education graduates are most likely to be working in their field five years after graduation.¹
- UNESCO says that to meet educational goals by 2030, a total of 69 million teachers will be needed.²

¹The Research Universities' Council of British Columbia, B.C.'s Research Universities: Putting Degrees to Work, 2008, <http://www.rucbc.ca/pdfs/2014-10-24%20Putting%20Degrees%20to%20Work%20-%20RUCBC.pdf>.

²UNESCO, "Close to 96 million New Teachers Needed to Reach 2030 Educational Goals," October 5, 2016, http://www.unesco.org/new/en/media-services/single-view/news/close_to_69_million_new_teachers_needed_to_reach_2030_educat/#:~:text=As%20UNESCO%20celebrates%20World%20Teachers,General%20Assembly%20late%20last%20yea

One of the hallmarks of the Trinity Western School of Education is that you will have several opportunities to apply the theory you learn in class. TWU also offers 3 times the practicum hours offered at other BC programs.

In the first four years, you will participate in five practicum:

- Second year – one practicum of 25 hours
- Third and fourth year – four practicum of 25 hours each

You will be placed in a public or independent school where you will observe, assist students, and plan and teach lessons. After each lesson, your mentor teacher and professor will provide you with feedback so that you can continue growing in your skills.

During the Professional Year Program, you are placed in a 20-week extended practicum. Through a gradual entry method, you will integrate into the class, teach lessons, and eventually teach the class full-time for eight weeks. During this time, your mentor teacher will monitor your progress and provide feedback on how you're doing.



As part of the Education program, you will choose a subject area that you would like to teach in the future (teachables). You can choose two teachables from the lists below.

ELEMENTARY STREAM

In the elementary stream, you will choose two teachables or specializations. You must take a minimum of 24 semester hours in each teachable.

- Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Math, Physics
Social Sciences: Canadian Studies, International Studies, History, Geography, Social Studies
Languages: English, French
Arts: Art, Music, Theatre
Education: Human Kinetics

Choose a second teachable from the list above or below:

Business	Psychology
Economics	Sociology
Political Studies	Communications
Gender Studies	Religious Studies
Spanish	Philosophy

SECONDARY STREAM

In the secondary stream, you will complete one major or two minors from the following list. One of:

- Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Math
Social Sciences: History, Geography, Social Studies
Languages: English, French
Arts: Art, Music
Education: Human Kinetics, Special Education

Choose a second one from the list above or below:

Religious Studies	Canadian Studies
Special Education	International Studies
Business	Environmental Studies



Student Exchange: Philadelphia, PA

In your third year, you can choose to expand your horizons while studying in another country. This exchange program allows you to enrol in Eastern University near Philadelphia, Pa., for the spring semester. You can select from a range of education courses while experiencing a unique depth of cultural immersion.

Eastern University is a comprehensive Christian university that integrates faith, reason, and justice for its 3,500 students.

Travel Study: Haida Gwaii

The B.C. curriculum incorporates Indigenous perspectives throughout K-12, with the goal of working toward a better relationship between all people. In Haida Gwaii, you can experience the rich Haida culture. Spend two full days in Gwaii Hanaas, meet Haida elders, visit ancient Haida village sites, and hike and explore the rainforest and the open beaches. Most of all, you will learn to see others, the world, the classroom, and Christian faith from a new perspective.

OUR PARTNERSHIPS

- Langley School District and RC Garnett Demonstration School
- Abbotsford School District
- Catholic Pacific College
- Langley Forest School
- Society of Christian Schools in BC (SCSBC) and Christian Educators of British Columbia

ALUMNI PERSPECTIVES

“After completing a diploma in special education through SFU and teaching in a District Low Incidence program for several years, I applied to the Master of Arts in Educational Studies – Special Education at Trinity Western University and couldn’t have been happier with my decision. The faculty were very supportive, and the program significantly deepened my knowledge base. This has had a positive impact on my pedagogy, which now allows me to support all students better.”



CHRISTINE THYGESEN, 2019

In the MAES-SPED program, you will learn to meet the broad range of special educational needs specific to students’ cognitive, social-emotional, and sensory differences.

This program is designed to empower you to meet the needs of the growing number of students with extraordinary learning challenges.

Designed for working educators, this program combines condensed two-week summer classes with 12-week online classes in fall and spring, allowing you to continue your teaching employment throughout the program.

Students generally complete the MAES-SPED program over the course of two years, plus one additional summer.



ALUMNI PERSPECTIVES

“The MA TESOL program was an amazing opportunity to expand my knowledge about second language learning and to think critically about my own teaching. It is based, in part, on the idea of providing constant opportunities to work collaboratively, allowing students to learn from one another’s areas of expertise. The instructors are exceedingly knowledgeable and helpful, creating a learning environment that is engaging and seamless.”



MEGAN CHURCHILL-BROWNE, 2019

Skilled educators in the field of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) are in high demand worldwide and particularly in Canada, where a growing number of immigrants strive for English competency. Positions are opening up faster than they can be filled, and TESOL teachers find jobs easily.

Trinity Western’s MA TESOL will give you the skills, training, and academic profile you need for a successful TESOL career. TWU’s program delivers practical, up-to-date content in a collaborative learning environment and offers flexible study options to fit your life.

The MA TESOL can be taken either fully online or on campus as a resident.

Online: the online program is completed on a part-time basis in two-and-a-half to three years. You may enter the program at various times during the year.

You may also extend the program and complete one course per semester over four to five years.

On campus: The resident program is typically 16 months of full-time study beginning every September. Students generally complete the internship after they have finished all of the campus courses, so the program can take 16 to 20 months.



HOW TO APPLY

Trinity Western accepts applications year-round. To meet the priority application deadline, complete both your admissions and financial aid applications by March 1.

1. Apply for admission online at www.twu.ca/apply.
2. Send the most recent updated copy of your grades.
3. Apply for financial aid at www.twu.ca/awards.

As soon as we receive your transcripts, we'll evaluate your application. Your Admissions Counsellor will contact you once a decision has been made. (Note: You can email us a clear, easy-to-read scan or photo of your interim grades. Your official, final transcript must be mailed from your school in a sealed envelope.)

Contact Us

Our admissions team is ready to answer any questions you have about TWU. Once you apply, you'll be assigned a specific counsellor to help you along every step of the way.

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

t: 604.513.2019 or 1-888-GO-TO-TWU

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