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PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE AND CHECKLIST EDUCATION (K-7): CONCURRENT B.A./B.ED. OR B.SC./B.ED. PROGRAM

(2021-2022)

Program Overview

The Concurrent 5-year B.A./B.Ed. and B.Sc./B.Ed. Elementary Education Program leads to a British Columbia Professional Teaching Certificate, valid in all grades of both public and independent schools in B.C.

The program includes the following components:

- *TWU and B.C. certification core requirements* (Page 3 of this guide). Except for EDUC 495/496 and one of your religious studies courses, try to complete these during your first and second year.
- *Teachable subject area specializations*: See Page 2 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*: Take 34 sem. hrs. of education courses during your first four years. These include four initial classroom experiences.
- *Professional year program*: You take nine months of integrated seminars, classroom practica, and curriculum and pedagogy courses.

When you have met all requirements except those of the professional year, you will graduate with either a B.A. or a B.Sc. degree. Upon successful completion of the professional year, you will also receive a B.Ed. degree.

Progressing through the Program

After you complete EDUC 211, 222, and 233 you apply to be confirmed 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 positive recommendations from your Education professors. *Entry into Year 3 does not guarantee acceptance into the professional year.*

If you are not confirmed into Year 3, you may take 300- and 400-level education courses if space permits, but **ONLY** if your cumulative GPA is at least 2.5. You may (re)apply for confirmation 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*).

You apply for acceptance into the fifth or professional year of the program by November 15 of your fourth year. At that time you are evaluated on the basis of your cumulative GPA, experience working with children, assessment by your Education professors, the quality of your application, and references about your suitability for teaching.

Using the Checklist

Pages 3 and 4 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 159 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.

The required minimum for graduation from the program is 159 sem. hrs. of approved credit. *That means you must complete 122 sem. hrs. of credit in your first four years.* In adding your totals, do not count twice courses entered both on the left and right pages in the centre of this guide!

Completing Your Program on Schedule

To finish the teacher education program in five years, follow the recommendations below:

First year: Take 33 sem. hrs. of courses (16 one semester; 17 the other), including ENGL 103 and 104; FNDN101, FNDN102 and WRTG100. Try to take 10-15 sem. hrs. additional coursework that counts toward your core (a lab science, MATH 190, religious studies, CDN HIST-HIST135 or HIST136). You may take EDUC 211 in your second semester of your first year. Take 6 sem. hrs. of course work in each of your specializations. 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 211 (if you didn't take it in your first year), 222 and EDUC 233. You may take HKIN 350 in the second semester. 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 EDUC 310, 345 or 365 and 321, as well as two classroom experience courses (EDUC 302 and 303). Take as many subject specialization courses as you can fit in to complete your core requirements. EDUC elective courses, EDUC 353 and EDUC 373 are available.

Fourth year: Take EDUC 401 or 411, 455, 495 and 496. Also take EDUC 402 and 403. Finish your subject specializations. Depending on your subject specializations, this is the year that you may have room to fit in some elective courses.

Choosing Your Subject Specializations/Teachables

In the elementary/middle school education program (K-7) you take **two** subject specializations.

For your **first specialization** you complete at least 24 sem. hrs. from the following teachable subject specializations:

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| ➤ Art | ➤ Linguistics-Applied (TESL) |
| ➤ Biology | ➤ Mathematics |
| ➤ Chemistry | ➤ Music |
| ➤ Canadian Studies (conc.*) | ➤ Physics |
| ➤ Computing Science | ➤ Social Studies (conc.*) |
| ➤ English | ➤ Special Education |
| ➤ French | ➤ Theatre |
| ➤ Geography | ➤ #Environmental Studies |
| ➤ History | ➤ #International Studies |
| ➤ Human Kinetics | |

* *These concentrations are interdisciplinary and require 30 sem. hrs. of course work.*

These specializations are interdisciplinary majors that count for two specializations.

Your **second specialization** may include any of the above or one of the following:

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| ➤ Business | ➤ Psychology |
| ➤ Communications | ➤ Religious Studies** |
| ➤ Economics | ➤ Sociology |
| ➤ Philosophy | ➤ Spanish |
| ➤ Political Studies | ➤ Gender Studies |

** *Minors in religious studies include Biblical Studies, Christianity and Culture, Christianity and Culture: Catholic Studies, and Intercultural Religious Studies. These minors are suitable for students interested in teaching in independent religiously-based schools.*

With two specializations you will have a broad background for teaching and future employment. *There may be exceptional cases where you have good reasons to take one expanded specialization (a major) in only one subject area. If so, you must discuss this possibility with an education faculty advisor.*

If you are interested in **Middle School** enrol in EDUC 435 rather than EDUC 455, you must follow the teachable subject requirements listed on the secondary checklist.

For the **B.Sc./B.Ed.**, you must complete two academic minor specializations in the physical sciences, mathematics and/or computing science, or a major in one of the natural and applied sciences. You must also complete all other requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree with your chosen specialization(s).

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

QUESTIONS ABOUT TEACHER EDUCATION?

If you have questions, get them answered!

All education professors can give you advice about your program.

- All declared education students should see their own education advisor.

Students who have already completed a B.A. or B.Sc. and are applying to TWU's Professional Year should be using the POST-DEGREE B.Ed. Planning Guide and Checklist rather than this one.

Special Notes:

- EDUC 365 – Social Issues in Education may be offered in May as a Travel Study every other (odd) year.
- Students can take EDUC 365 or EDUC 345 to fulfil the Cultural and Linguistics Inquiry Core Requirement and EDUC Program Requirement