UNBC UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

New Improved Access to the Hybrid 2027-2029 Regional Bachelor of Education (BEd) Program

Become a certified teacher in the K-12 school system that supports the academic, developmental, and social-emotional needs of students in B.C. schools. The UNBC Teacher Education Program is guided by the **signature pedagogy of "People, Place, and Land"** and focuses on place-based, experiential in situ (on-site) learning.

The Regional BEd Program is a **20-month professional degree program** focused on Elementary Years teacher education, for potential Teacher Candidates who have a minimum of 90-credit hours of post-secondary learning.

New for the 2027-2029 Regional BEd, students will complete the program through a variety of delivery methods aimed to maximize access for working professionals:

- Two (2) in-person intensive training periods (7-day + 20-day) as a full cohort of learners (see below)
- On-site in-person learning in Quesnel, Terrace, or Prince Rupert (weekday evenings and weekends)
- Online courses taken from home (weekday evenings)
- Four (4) practicum placements in School settings (weekday daytime)

Program Overview

The next cohort begins in late August 2027, and students will finish their degree requirements in April 2029. The program is designed for working professionals, scheduled to allow people with work/family responsibilities during the workday.

The program includes two intensive sessions, where students from all three campuses will come together in one place:

1. The Program will launch with an in-person session from August 22-28, 2027
   Location will be in the Northwest (exact final location TBD). Accommodation options will be arranged.

2. The program will have a 20-day in-person session from July 4-24, 2028.
   Location will be Prince George. Accommodation options will be arranged.

Outside of these intensive sessions, courses will be offered through a mix of in-person and online course delivery. The remaining in-person learning will take place at a student's "home campus" (i.e., Prince Rupert, Terrace, or Quesnel) on specific weekday evenings or weekends. The online course delivery will be synchronous on weekday evenings and can be taken from anywhere. Scheduling takes into account winter weather to minimize travel during this season.

Practicum Requirement

The Regional BEd program includes four practicum placements. Students in this program must be available to undertake in-person practicum in the daytime in each of the Fall and Winter semesters of the program, as follows:

- Fall 2027: 1 day a week, full semester (13 days total)
- Winter 2028: 3-week practicum (15 days total)
- Fall 2028: 4-week practicum (20 days total)
- Winter 2029: 10-week practicum (50 days total)

Potential Financial Support (up to $8,000)*

We anticipate that funding for students in the UNBC Regional BEd Program may be available through two Ministry-funded awards:

- Northern B.C. Relocation Awards – *Up to $8,000 to support the costs of leaving your home community to attend a Teacher Education Program (including the intensive sessions)*
- Northern and Rural B.C. Practicum Awards – *Up to $8,000 to support the costs of undertaking a 10-week practicum experience in a rural or Northern B.C. community*

***Note:** *Students may only receive one of the two above awards. Awards are subject to change., Availability is dependent on ongoing funding provided by the Ministries of Education and Child Care and Post-Secondary and Future Skills.*

Admissions Requirements

Applicants to the BEd degree Elementary Years stream must have completed one of the following with a minimum GPA of 2.33 (C+) on the most recent 60 university credit hours:

a) an acceptable three- or four-year Bachelor's degree of which 60 credit hours must be in Arts, Science, or other teachable fields relevant to the BC school system and must include 30 senior level credit hours, ***OR***
b) a minimum of 90 credit hours of undergraduate coursework of which 60 credit hours must be in Arts, Science, or other teachable fields relevant to the BC school system and must include 30 senior level credit hours, of which 12 credit hours must be at the 300 or 400 level.

Additional specific pre-requisite coursework includes all of the following:

- 6 credit hours of English literature and composition
- 3 credit hours of mathematics
- 3 credit hours of a laboratory science
- 3 credit hours of Canadian studies with significant Canadian Indigenous content
- 3 credit hours of Canadian history or Canadian geography.

Applicants must also submit a completed *Experience with Children and Youth Statement*, 3 confidential references, and a Personal Statement. Applicants offered admission to the program must provide evidence of a clear Criminal Records Check before being admitted to the program.

Full application details and admissions requirements are available on the UNBC website, listed below.

Important Deadlines and Contacts

Deadline for applications: February 1, 2027

Deadline for document* submission if admitted: August 15, 2027
**This includes transcripts for coursework that may be in progress at the time of application and confirmation of a clear criminal record check. Plan ahead to meet this deadline!*

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