



## How to Become a Secondary Teacher in British Columbia:

1. Complete an undergraduate degree prior to enrolling into a Post-Degree Bachelor of Education Degree program
2. Enrol directly into a Bachelor of Education Degree program that prepares students to teach upon completion

TRU currently offers a two year Bachelor of Education (Elementary) Degree with practicum placements in an Elementary school setting. For the students interested in seeking training for a 'middle school' position (Grades 7 (6) to 9), the TRU B.Ed. (Elementary) will provide this as well as certification to teach Kindergarten to Grade 12. Those students whose goal is to pursue Secondary Education are eligible to apply to TRU's B.Ed. (Elem) Degree and will be certified to teach at both the Elementary and Secondary levels upon completion, providing they have:

1. Met the admission requirements
2. Completed an undergraduate degree
3. Incorporated one or two teachable subjects within their first undergraduate degree as specified by the BC College of Teachers

Please keep in mind that although graduates from the TRU B.Ed. Program are certified to teach K to 12, practicum placements are in the elementary/middle school settings, and coursework is connected to the elementary curriculum. Each year, there are a number of graduates who are hired to teach in high school settings, as they have the necessary qualifications to do so, as deemed by their employer.

Refer to the following link to review TRU's B.Ed.(Elementary) Admission Requirements:

[http://www.tru.ca/\\_shared/assets/bed\\_advising\\_handout11736.pdf](http://www.tru.ca/_shared/assets/bed_advising_handout11736.pdf)

Teachable subjects could typically be presented in a variety of ways in a student's undergraduate planning:

- Major and a Minor (two teachables)
- Major (a single teachable)
- Two Minors (General) (two teachables)

Typically a TRU student who's interested in earning a Major/Minor within their undergraduate degree will require 30 credits at the upper level in one subject area and a minor requires 18 credits at the upper level in one subject area. Another option is to consider planning for a General degree which requires 18 upper level credits in two separate subject areas. Note that each teachable subject may have defined requirements within so it is important to refer to the online calendar of the institution that you are planning to attend to ensure you include the appropriate coursework in your degree.

Those students who are planning to complete an undergraduate degree at TRU in preparation for a Secondary Education program have access to the following teachable subjects:

- **Art**
- **Business Education**
- **Computer Science**
- **English**
- **Math**
- **Science** (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)
- **Social Studies** (Geography, History, and Social Sciences)
- **Technology Education**
- **Theatre**

Admission to any Bachelor of Education program is competitive. TRU's B.Ed. requires students to present a minimum GPA of 2.67 to be considered. 60% of the student's application is also weighted on 'other factors'. It's imperative to confirm the admission requirements of the various institutions before applying.

## Where Can You Earn a Bachelor of (Secondary) Education?

There are several institutions throughout British Columbia that prepare students to teach at the Secondary level. All of the following institutions provide Post-Degree Secondary Education training. It is important to note that the program structure and admissions requirements may vary between institutions.

### Selkirk College

<http://selkirk.ca/programs/teachereducation/>

### Simon Fraser University

<http://www.educ.sfu.ca/teachersed/pdp.html>

### Trinity Western University

<http://www.twu.ca/undergraduate/academics/majors-and-programs/education.html>

### University of British Columbia, Vancouver Campus

<http://teach.educ.ubc.ca/programs/BEd-program/secondary/index.html>

### University of British Columbia, Okanagan Campus

<http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/education/undergrad/STEP.html>

### University of the Fraser Valley

<http://www.ufv.ca/teachereducation.htm>

### University of Northern British Columbia

[http://www.unbc.ca/education/bachelor\\_of\\_education.html](http://www.unbc.ca/education/bachelor_of_education.html)

### University of Victoria

<http://www.uvic.ca/education/prospective/teacher/programs/secbed/index.php>

### Vancouver Island University

<http://www.viu.ca/calendar/Education/postbaccalaureatefulltime.asp#secondary>

**Note:** The BC College of Teachers has the authority to issue teaching certificates under the B.C. Government Teaching Profession Act. Current information regarding membership and certification requirements of the B.C. College of Teachers can be obtained from:

**Registrar, British Columbia College of Teachers**

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