



BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SECONDARY) PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKAGE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Bachelor of Education (BEd) (Secondary) STEM degree prepares students to teach science and mathematics in the context of engineering and technology in secondary school settings.

This program will give graduates the skills they need to pursue a career in elementary education. Graduates will meet the educational requirement for a Professional Teaching Certificate issued by the British Columbia Teacher Regulation Branch (TRB), which is required to teach grades K-12 in BC public and independent schools with a focus on science, mathematics, and technology at the secondary level.

STEM is a one-year intensive, full-time program that starts in July of one year to the end of June in the following year. The total number of credits for this program is 64. The program includes foundation courses in education, methods courses, and practicum.

INTAKE DATE

Summer (July)

APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 15, 2020

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must have a four-year bachelor's degree (120 credits) or equivalent in science (such as physics, biology or chemistry), technology, engineering, or mathematics with a minimum grade point average of C+ on the most recent 60 credits completed.
Within the degree, all applicants must have one major teachable area in a STEM discipline or two minor teachable areas in STEM subject areas taught at the secondary school level.
 - A teachable major consists of thirty (30) credits of upper level 3000/4000 courses, in addition to required lower division courses.
 - A teachable minor consists of eighteen 18 credit hours of upper level courses (numbered 3000 or 4000), in addition to required lower level courses.
- 3 credits of English Literature (min C+ average)
- 3 credits of English Composition (min C+ average)
The required English credits do not include: linguistics, language study, grammar, technical writing, business writing, communication or English as a Second Language

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTATION

- Statement of 100 hours experience
 - A one-page outline noting 100 hours minimum of relevant paid or volunteer experience working with groups of elementary school-age or middle school-age children.

- A minimum 25 of the 100 hours are recommended to be in an elementary school setting.
 - Please list the activity, the name of organization/school, number of students and age range, total hours and dates.
 - Briefly and explicitly, describe the nature and extent of these experiences and your role in working with students.
- Letter of Intent
 - Describe why you want to become a teacher
 - Provide your reasons for choosing the TRU B.Ed. program
 - Any additional information you feel is pertinent to your application
- 2 Reference Reports
 - From qualified referees who have observed your interactions with groups of elementary or middle school aged children. Referees must submit the reports directly to TRU Admissions at admissions@tru.ca and include your name and BEd STEM in the subject line

HOW TO APPLY

1. Apply online through [EducationPlannerBC](#)
2. [Submit official transcript\(s\)](#) to Enrolment Services

Official High School Transcripts:

BC high school applicants must register to release their transcript to TRU through the [Student Transcript Service \(STS\)](#). For assistance with this process, please refer to the Transcript Service help videos or connect with our Future Students Team at 250-828-5006. Out of Province applicants must send their official transcripts now and at the time of graduation. Please visit your provincial or territorial Ministry of Education for further information on how to order.

Official Post-Secondary Transcripts:

Applicants are required to submit official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. If you are currently attending another post-secondary institution, you must submit an official transcript at the time of your application. Should you have courses in progress, you will be required to submit a final official transcript at completion. You are not required to submit your TRU transcript.

Option to submit transcripts by mail: Official transcripts can be mailed directly from the school in a sealed envelope to:

**Thompson Rivers University
Enrolment Services
805 TRU Way
Kamloops, BC V2C 0C8**

3. Submit any additional documentation to Admissions. Documents emailed to admissions@tru.ca must be in PDF format. Include your TRU ID number in the subject line.

NEXT STEPS

We will contact you within 5 working days to confirm receipt of your application. You will then be able to review your application status and document receipt on your [myTRU online student account](#). Please allow 3-5 days from submission of your documentation for the receipt date to be reflected on your account.

Short-Listed applicants:

- Spontaneous Write & Personal Interview
 - Applicants having met the basic admission requirements for the program will be interviewed by members of the faculty and practicing classroom teachers. The interview is approximately 15 minutes; all candidates will be asked the same questions. Immediately prior to the interview, you will be asked to write a spontaneous composition of approximately 500 words on a question pertinent to education. You can arrange to have your interview conducted via Skype and can complete your spontaneous write at another location, under approved supervision.

NEED HELP?

[Contact Us](#)

Enrolment Services – Admissions & Registration
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