

First Nations Language Developmental Standard Term Certificate (DSTC)

2019-2020 Program Information Package

Program Description

The The DSTC—First Nations Language Teachers program is a three-year program. Students who successfully complete the (92) credits and receive recommendation letter from Thompson Rivers University; and are acknowledged by the local First Nations Language Authority as proficient to teach the First Nations language, will be eligible for the Developmental Standard Term Certificate (DSTC) issued by the Teachers Regulation Branch (TRB) of the BC Ministry of Education. (TRB) certification is required to teach grades K-12 in BC public, First Nations and independent schools.

The DSTC program has four practica experiences offering a certification practicum using integrated units with a First Nations language approach to instruction. This is one of the features in this TRU DSTC program that makes it unique.

This program has been developed in partnership with Secwepemc Cultural Education Society (SCES), Upper Statimc Language, Culture & Education Society (USLCES), and Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT).

Students who have completed the DSTC First Nations Language Teachers Program may choose to continue studying and may be eligible to ladder into the Bachelor of Education (BEEd) program.

Intake Dates

Fall (Sep – Dec)

Winter (Jan – Apr)

Summer (May – Aug)

Academic Requirements:

- Grade 12 (or equivalent)
- English 12 or English 12 First Peoples with a minimum 73% with government exam within the last 5 years (or equivalent)

Students entering first year are required to complete a Criminal Record Check.

Applicants not having met Grade 12 English may do so by submitting a successful Accuplacer Result. Contact the Assessment Centre at assess@tru.ca or 250-828-5470 to book a testing date.

How to Apply:

1. Submit your application [online](#) through the Education Planner BC website
2. Pay the application fee of \$29.25
3. Submit official high school transcripts and any post-secondary transcript(s) to

Thompson Rivers University

Enrolment Services

805 TRU Way

Kamloops BC

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BC high school applicants are required to submit their official transcript now through the [Student Transcripts Service \(STS\)](#).

Current high school applicants are required to submit their official transcripts now and at the time of graduation. Past high school applicants are required to submit their official transcript now. To order your official high school transcript, please visit your provincial or territorial Ministry of Education website for further information.

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 of these courses.

You will be contact by admissions via email within 2-3 weeks of submission of your online application regarding next steps.

Need Help? Contact Us

Old Main 1120, Student Street

Phone: 250-828-5036

Email: admissions@tru.ca.

Further information regarding the DSTC program can be found [online](#).

Program Application Admissions Checklist:

Please check off and include all of the following:

- Online application and application fee
- Official high school and post-secondary transcript(s)