

Education Programs

Special Education Teacher Specialty Post Degree Diploma

- **Program Length - 1.5 years**
- **Program Fees**
- **Apply for Admission**

The Program

This program is designed for certified teachers who wish to increase their understanding of the diverse needs of the students in the classroom. Teachers with this credential will be well prepared for positions in school-based support services for students, such as Learning Assistance and Student Support.

Courses are offered in various locations on Vancouver Island, and some are offered online. Courses are offered on weekends and during the summer months.

Program Outcomes

This program provides professional educators with the following opportunities:

- To provide professional educators an opportunity to systematically investigate a significant aspect of their practice.
- To provide professional educators an opportunity to examine what are currently considered best practices in the field of Special Education.
- To provide professional educators an opportunity to expand their areas of expertise into the field of Special Education.

Admission Requirements

- Possession of a valid Canadian teaching credential
- Relevant experience as a professional educator

Notes on Admission

Content and assignments are closely connected to the daily realities of schools. Therefore, students would benefit from having access to classrooms and school communities.

Start Date and Application Deadline

Classes are offered from September to December (weekends), January to March (weekends), April to June (weekends), and during the months of July and August (one week intensive classes). For more information contact the Education Department at 1-888-920-2221 local 6221.

Program Outline

Year 1	Credits
EDPD 583 - (Social, Emotional and Behavioural Needs: Foundations and Exemplary Practices)	3
EDPD 584 - (Assistive Technology: Foundations & Exemplary Practices)	3
EDPD 585 - (Collaborative Planning for Student Success)	3
EDTE 620 - (An Introduction to Special Education)	3
Year 1 Credits	12

Year 2	Credits
EDPD 591 - (Literacy/Numeracy: Foundations & Exemplary Practices)	3
EDPD 592 - (Norm and Criterion Referenced Assessment and Intervention)	6
Year 2 Credits	9
Total Program Credits	21

Year 2 - Optional Coursework *	Credits
EDPD 582 - (Special Topics: Investigation of Practice)	3
EDPD 586 - (Gifted Learners: Investigation of Practice)	3
EDPD 587 - (Developing Functional Curricula: Investigation of Practice)	6
EDPD 588 - (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Investigation of Practice)	3
EDPD 589 - (Autism Spectrum Disorders: Investigation of Practice)	3
EDPD 590 - (Conference Related Special Project)	3
EDPD 593 - (Differentiating Curriculum in the Inclusive Classroom: Investigation of Practice)	3
Total number of Optional Credits	24

* *The optional coursework is not required for completion of the diploma.*

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