

**NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLEGE
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE
PROGRAM INFORMATION AND COMPLETION GUIDE**

Program Name: University Arts and Sciences
Credential/Certification: Associate of Arts Degree (Education)
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Program Description: The Associate of Arts Degree (Education) prepares students for entry into the Alaska Highway Consortium on Teacher Education (AHCOTE), the joint teacher-training program offered by Simon Fraser University and NLC. The Associate of Arts Degree (Education) comprises a range of education courses as well as other first- and second-year arts and sciences courses. This provincially recognized credential provides a well-rounded educational experience that prepares students for success in AHCOTE or pathways beyond traditional teacher training. Credits earned from the program may also transfer toward a bachelor's degree. This program offers learning opportunities with intellectual and creative modes of inquiry and reflective practice..

Admission Requirements:

A. Domestic students and students from countries that practice Standard Written English ([see Appendix A](#)) must have official transcripts demonstrating that they have met the English Requirements: One of the following with a "C" grade or higher: English 12 or English Literature 12 or English First Peoples 12, ENGL 050, or ENGL 099. Alternatively, any university-level English course with a "C" grade or higher. Students who do not meet one of the above English requirements must complete the NLC Writing Assessment for appropriate course placement.

B. International students who do not meet the requirement A. above, and domestic students who received their secondary education in French or another language, must show that they have met the NLC English requirement: see [Appendix A \(General Academic English Language Proficiency Requirements hyperlink\)](#).

C. Math Requirement: One of the following with a 'C' grade (60%) or higher: Pre-calculus 11, Principles of Mathematics 11, Foundations of Math 11, MATH 040, or

equivalent. Alternatively, readiness for MATH 050 as determined by the CCP Math appraisal.

*Note that some University Arts and Sciences elective courses have specific prerequisites. Meeting the entrance requirements for the University Arts and Sciences program does not ensure course prerequisites have been met for all available courses.

Post-Admission Requirements:

After program admission, but prior to registration in EDUC 252, students must complete a BC Solicitor General Schedule Type "B" Criminal Record Check WORKS WITH: Children & Vulnerable Adults.

Under no circumstances will a student be permitted to begin the Education 252 practicum until a SG/CRC has been received and reviewed by NLC. Students will be provided with information about the SG/CRC process at program orientations. SG/CRC searches can take from 3 to 6 weeks for completion, so students are urged to attend to this matter at least 6 weeks before the start of Education 252. Please see the NLC Criminal Records Check page for completion instructions and more information pertaining to Criminal Record Checks.

Length of Program: (weeks and total hours) The Associate of Arts Degree (Education) involves 900 hours of class time and may be completed on a part-time or full-time basis. Where learners are attending full time, the credential may be completed in 60 weeks or two academic years.

Program Intake: (start/finish dates)

Start: September, January, May

Finish: December, April, June

Available Seats:

Application Deadline: Last day for late registration as indicated in the NLC Calendar. International students should contact the International Department for deadlines specific to their situation.

Career Prospects: Students who complete the Associate of Arts Degree designed for prospective teachers are eligible for AHCOTE and will eventually be seeking careers as teachers. Note, however, that completion of the designated Associate of Arts Degree is not a guarantee of admission into AHCOTE.

Affiliations/Partnerships: The AHCOTE program involves a partnership between School Districts 59, 60, 81, Simon Fraser University, and Northern Lights College. Courses comprising the Associate of Arts Degree (Education) transfer to receiving institutions throughout British Columbia (see the BC Transfer Guide www.bctransferguide.ca).

Location: Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Chetwynd, and Fort Nelson, where resources and interest permit.

Additional Requirements/Supplies: (fees, supplies, materials)
NIL

Eligibility for Canada Student Loans: (Yes or No)
Yes, for domestic students. No, for international students.

Required Minimum Grade: (overall and/or minimum within a course)
C (60%) cumulative GPA; D (50%) minimum in a course.

Residency Requirement: (percentage of courses which must be taken at NLC)
25%; note that a minimum 60% or 'C' grade (60%) is required for courses to be considered for transfer into this program. The age of the course will also be considered in course transfer.

Required Courses: (list courses required to complete credential and total hours for each course)

Year 1 (Pre-Education Certificate)

ENGL 100 Academic Writing (3 credits)

ENGL 105 Non-Fictional Prose (3 credits)

OR ENGL 111 Poetry and Drama (3 credits)

OR ENGL 112 Prose Fiction (3 credits)

HIST 103 Canada Pre-Confederation (3 credits)

HIST 104 Canada Post-Confederation (3 credits)

MATH 190 Principles of Mathematics for Teachers (4 credits)

GEOG 103 Regional Geography of Canada (3 credits)

EDUC 100 Questions and Issues in Education (3 credits)

3 electives (9-11 credits) selected from one of the following:

a) 1 lab science course (3-4 credits) AND 2 Arts and Science courses (6 credits)

b) 2 lab science courses (6-8 credits) AND 1 Arts and Science courses (3 credits)

Students planning to enroll in AHCOTE should note that in some cases two NLC lab science courses are required to meet the SFU lab science requirement, eg., GEOG 112 and GEOG 114 or PHYS 103 and PHYS 104

Year 2 (Completion of the Associate of Arts Degree)

EDUC 220 Introduction to Educational Psychology (3 credits)

EDUC 240 Social Issues in Education (3 credits)

EDUC 252 Introduction to Reflective Practice (4 credits)

CPSC 100 Introduction to Computers and Computer Applications (3 credits)

OR CPSC 101 Introduction to Computing (3 credits)

FNST 100 Aboriginal Peoples of Canada (3 credits)

OR FNST 102 Treaties and Aboriginal Rights (3 credits)

OR ANTH 203 Contemporary Canadian Native (3 credits)

OR HIST 209 History of First Nations of Canada (3 credits.)

OR HIST 220 History of Childhood in Canada: Indigenous and Settler Children,
Then and Now

Plus four 200-level Arts Electives (12 credits)*

Plus one open Elective in Arts or Sciences (3 credits)

*Note that PSYC 211 is recommended as a 200-level Arts elective. However, PSYC 211 requires PSYC 101 and 102 as prerequisites.