

**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) is awarded to students who complete two years of planned coursework at Northern Lights College. 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. Credits may also be applied toward a degree.

The Associate of Arts Degree (Education) is offered as part of the University Arts and Sciences division, which provides university-level learning opportunities that reflect the intellectual and creative modes of inquiry practiced in the Arts and Sciences.

**Admission Requirements:**

\*English is the language of instruction in all programs at NLC, thus it is imperative that NLC students meet minimum English Language Proficiency requirements.

\*In University Arts and Sciences and Related Programs, it is understood that the minimum English Language Proficiency requirement is that required to graduate from a Canadian high school program conducted in English. This is defined in the English Language Requirement document.

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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:** 30 per course

**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](http://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)

4 electives (12-14 credits) selected from one of the following:

a) 1 lab science course (3-4 credits) AND 3 Arts and Science courses (9 credits)

b) 2 lab science courses (6-8 credits) AND 2 Arts and Science courses (6 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 100 Questions and Issues in Education (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.)

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.

## General Academic English Language Proficiency Requirements

### 1. Overview

English is the language of instruction in all programs at NLC. Thus, it is imperative that NLC students meet minimum English Language Proficiency requirements.

In University Arts and Sciences and additional baccalaureate-level programs, students are required to have English Studies 12, English First Peoples 12, ENGL 050, or an equivalent course. Required final grades are specified by program.

### 2. Select Baccalaureate-Level Programs

The following English Language Requirement applies to the Associate of Arts Degree (general)<sup>1</sup>; to diplomas in Archaeology, Business Management,<sup>2</sup> Criminology, Interactive Technologies and Game Design, Land and Water Resources, and Social Services Worker; and to certificates in Business Management and University Arts and Sciences.<sup>3</sup>

A. Domestic students<sup>4</sup> and students from countries<sup>5</sup> that practice Standard Written English must have official transcripts demonstrating that they have met one of the following English Requirements with a "B" grade or higher: English Studies 12, English First Peoples 12, English 050, or English 099; alternatively, any university-level English course<sup>6</sup> 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 and domestic students who received their secondary education in French or another language must show that they have met the NLC English requirement for baccalaureate-level programs specified above by demonstrating one of the following:

- An IELTS result with an overall score of 6.0 or higher with no band less than 6.0. Students with a writing band of 6.0 are required to complete English 099 with a "B" grade or higher in their initial semester. Alternatively, NLC will accept a TOEFL iBT of 78, Canadian Academic English Assessment (CAEL) 60 overall band, Canadian Language Benchmark Assessment (CLBA) 8 in each section, Pearson Test of English (PTE) 57, Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) 76, Cambridge-Michigan Language Assessment (CaMLA) 69 plus NLC's Writing Assessment.
- Documented completion of a post-secondary credential that is assessed as equivalent to a similar program from a reputable Canadian institution with its own appropriate English Language Requirement.
- Documented completion of the last two years of full-time Canadian secondary school education in English with a minimum grade of "B" in English 12, English Studies 12, English Literature 12, English 12 First Peoples, or equivalent.
- Completion of NLC's English for Academic Purposes (EAP) 060-level Certificate.

Where international students and domestic students who received their secondary education in French or another language are unable to provide an appropriate IELTS score or equivalent, such students may be conditionally enrolled in an NLC program with permission of the Chair. Upon arrival at NLC, these students will be assessed by the ESL department and transferred to the appropriate level of the EAP program as necessary.

<sup>1</sup>Not applicable to the Associate of Arts Degree (Health Studies) or to the Associate of Science Degree.

<sup>2</sup>Not applicable to the Executive Assistant Diploma.

<sup>3</sup>Not applicable to the Engineering Certificate, the Engineering Studies Certificate, the General University Arts and Sciences Certificate, the Indigenous Human Services Worker Diploma.

<sup>4</sup>Except those whose secondary education was conducted in French or in another language.

<sup>5</sup> Australia, England, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland, Wales, United States of America.

<sup>6</sup> From reputable institutions in Canada or from the above list of countries that practice Standard Written English.