



Inspiring Confidence

Is This Program For You?

This program will provide certified teachers with the unique skills they need to teach with confidence to the broad range of learning needs in their classrooms, as well as the knowledge and competencies to assume roles as special educators within schools. You are eligible if you:

- have a Bachelor's degree, with a minimum GPA of 2 in your last 12 units of study.
- have a valid teaching certificate
- have preferably two years of teaching experience, or work-related experience with children and youth with special needs

Applicants who do not fully meet these requirements may submit a letter describing how they meet equivalent qualifications.

How to Apply

Applications to the Certificate or Diploma in Special Education will be accepted until all spots in the program have been filled. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply early, however, as acceptance to this program is on a first-come first-served basis for eligible candidates until all spots have been filled.

Please visit our website: <http://www.educ.uvic.ca/epls/> for detailed application information.

Need More Information?

Please contact our office.

Professional Specialization

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Special Education Expertise for Today's Classrooms

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Today, almost every classroom includes a number of students who are dealing with an exceptionality - either physical, cognitive, sensory, emotional, or a combination of all of these. The Certificate and Diploma in Special Education are professional programs for educators who wish to enhance their ability to accommodate every young person with a specialized learning need within their classroom-every day.

Two Unique Programs

- Learn to complete special education assessments and evaluations that meet the competency requirements for **Level B** assessment outlined by the Ministry of Education and benefit from test supervision by registered psychologists
- Designed for working professionals, these programs combine on-line coursework with on-campus instruction during school breaks
- Work with a multidisciplinary faculty who specialize in child development, behavior management, and assessment of learning needs
- Experience an innovative curriculum developed in consultation with teachers and school district leaders to meet the needs of both generalist and special needs educators.
- Be part of a program that is focused on your future. Our flexible delivery allows you to choose the designation that best meets your career goals and interests. Enrol in the 16 month 7.5 unit Professional Specialization Certificate in Special Education, with the option to ladder all of these credits into our 15 unit 3 year Diploma in Special Education, or transfer 3 credits to a non-thesis MEd.

43% of a sample of BC teachers reported feeling unprepared to teach to the diverse range of students in their classrooms.

BCTF, Naylor (2002)

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CERTIFICATE /DIPLOMA COURSES

ED-D 405 Advanced Educational Exceptionality

Be in the know about current special education policies and procedures, the diversity of exceptionalities in the inclusive classroom, and effective teaching practices **1.5 units**

ED-D 402- Assessment for Special Education

You'll learn "assessment basics" within special education - the core psychometric principles. **1.5 units**

ED-D 415- Learning Difficulties: Assessment and Intervention

Learn a range of assessment techniques (including Level B) to understand students' learning profiles and ways to develop appropriate interventions and individualized programs. **3.0units**

ED-D 499- Professional Development: Collaboration and Consultation in Special Education

Become an effective participant within the consultation -collaboration process in special education. **1.5 units**

DIPLOMA COURSES

ED-D 411 Teaching Students with Behavioural and Social/Emotional Needs

Understand and optimize the learning of students with behaviour challenges in inclusive classrooms. **1.5 units**

ED-D 417 Skills for Effective Interpersonal Communication

Learn techniques for actively listening and speaking with others. **1.5 units**

ED-D 424 Teaching Students with Developmental Difficulties

Understand the needs of students with developmental disabilities and the best ways to program for their educational success. **1.5 units**

ED-D 425Assistive Technology in the Inclusive Classroom

Learn to use a variety of technologies to support student participation and learning. **1.5 units**

ED-D 426 Differentiating Instruction in the Inclusive Classroom

Learn to vary the curriculum content and learning processes and products to support diverse learners. **1.5 units**