



Studying Adult Education in British Columbia

Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW) Program

The ISW is a workshop designed to enhance the teaching effectiveness of both new and experienced educators. One or two peer facilitators lead this 24-30 hour workshop for small groups. Offered around the province at post-secondary campuses.

Facilitator Development Workshop (FDW) Program

The FDW is a five-day training event that prepares experienced faculty to lead the Instructional Skills Workshops. The FDW participants refine their teaching techniques through the mini-lessons and, with guided practice and feedback, develop strategies for facilitating the group process.

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Native Adult Instructor Diploma Program (NAID)

NAID provides learners with skills and training related to instructing Native adults. Applicants must have completed Grade 12 or equivalent, or obtain special admission by the NAID program coordinator. Students are required to complete six 30-hour modules and a 20-hour practicum.

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Vancouver Community College Programs

Provincial Instructor Diploma Program (PIDP)

The BC PIDP allows those interested in Adult Education to acquire and develop instructional expertise. Students must complete six 30-hour courses and a final assignment that requires an average of 45 hours to complete. A student may request credit for prior knowledge and experience for up to a maximum of three courses. Course are offered at a variety of locations around the province.

Diploma in Adult Education

The Diploma in Adult Education Program provides advanced skills and knowledge in reflective practices, adult development and education, educational technology, educational management, communication skills (especially writing skills), and instructional techniques. Students must complete six core courses and two optional courses. A 3-week practicum is also required.

Applicants for both programs must have completed BC Grade 12 or equivalent and have a proficiency in English; proof of competency in an area of expertise; and at least two of the following: a letter from an employer indicating current or potential teaching/training role; a letter of recommendation from a public or private post-secondary instructor or administrator indicating abilities as a potential instructor; and a one page essay introducing self and describing career goals as an instructor.

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Introduction

British Columbia is unique in offering a full range of programs designed to prepare people to work in adult education. Certificates, diplomas, and bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees focusing on adult education are all available from public institutions in BC.

Definitions of "adult education" are as diverse as adult learners themselves. They range from "the study of specific and critical assumptions about the characteristics of adult learners," to that of "any education engaged in by adults."

Practitioners in the field of adult education include those working in community education, literacy, teacher development, counselling, professional training, workplace learning, administration, diversity work and many others.

This brochure contains brief descriptions of programs offered by the public post-secondary institutions in BC and is designed for people who wish to work in and study adult education. If you want more information about any of these programs, please contact the institutions directly and indicate that you read about them in this brochure.

While the programs may differ in location, duration, methodology, focus, and credentialing, they all offer quality education and diverse and innovative approaches to supporting adult learning. They will enhance your knowledge, skills and understanding of adult education and engage you in the art and science of helping adults learn.

Course Transfer

The primary purpose of transfer is to increase student accessibility by facilitating student mobility between institutions. British Columbia's public post-secondary institutions support an innovative and extensive formal set of guidelines for both course and block transfer.

Transfer arrangements and policies are complex and continuously evolving. A summary of transfer arrangements can be found online at <http://www.bccat.bc.ca/otg/program/adulted/credittransfer.htm>. However, it is the responsibility of prospective students to seek pre-approval for any course transfer between institutions.

Transfer information that has been obtained directly from the institutions involved should always be taken as the most reliable.





University of British Columbia Programs

Adult Education Diploma Program

The Adult Education Diploma Program is designed for those interested in the broad field of adult education that wish to acquire or develop further skills and knowledge required to organize, conduct, evaluate, and administer educational programs for adults. Applicants for this program do not need to be qualified teachers, but should have at least two years of work experience in the field of adult education. Teachers are also welcome. The program requires completion of 30 credits within a five-year period. May be completed on-campus or by correspondence.

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Department of Educational Studies
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Web: www.educ.ubc.ca/teacher_ed/diplomas_intro.html

MA and MEd in Adult Education

The MA is a research-oriented program for students who wish to develop skills as researchers or who may go on to doctoral-level study. The MEd program is a professional degree for people who wish to work as practitioners in any adult education setting, most often as instructors, program planners, consultants or Applicants must hold a four-year bachelor's degree (apart from applicants from Quebec). Master's Degrees require completion of at least 30 credits within five years, either full-time or part-time studies.

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University College of the Fraser Valley Programs

Bachelor of Arts in Adult Education

The UCFV BA in Adult education is designed primarily for people presently working with adult learners. Applicants must have a minimum of three years experience and have acquired a field of practice related to one or more of the following areas: teaching or training adults, development of educational programs for adults, managing of educational programs for adults, or counseling/advising adults.

The program requires the completion of 120 credits for graduation. Up to 90 credits can be completed at other institutions.

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Justice Institute of British Columbia

Trainer Development Certificate Program

The Trainer Development Certificate Program was designed to provide trainers with the core skills and knowledge they need to deliver training in an adult learning environment. Developed with input from trainers in a variety of settings, the program focuses on the core skills and knowledge required to plan and deliver creative, effective training sessions. It also provides opportunities, in the classroom, for participants to apply the skills and knowledge that are the foundation for each course.

The program is designed for both full-time training professionals and persons who provide training as part of their overall job responsibilities within an organization. The program is delivered on site at the Justice Institute of BC, and has contract offerings offsite for various organizations and agencies.

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University of Victoria Programs

Certificate in Adult and Continuing Education (CACE)

CACE is an exciting professional development program for those responsible for helping adults learn. The Certificate is jointly developed and delivered by the University of Victoria, University of Alberta, University of Saskatchewan and University of Manitoba.

Applicants must have completed Grade 12 and have three years of experience related to adult education. Appropriate and equivalent experience and education will also be considered.

The program may be taken entirely by distance delivery (print materials, with Web conferencing), or on site by summer immersion and workshops. CACE requires the completion of eight courses (four core; 4.0 electives) or equivalent elective credit through workshops.

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MEd (Curriculum Studies/Adult Education)

A professional degree for practitioners working in any adult education setting. Current students are employed by school boards, community colleges, universities, health care agencies and social service agencies. This is usually a 2-year cohort program, offered in a community with sufficient demonstrated interest during the winter semesters (part-time), and at the University of Victoria during the summer session (full-time).

Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree and satisfy UVIC graduate student requirements.

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