This academic planning guide is an unofficial summary of the Bachelor of Education Elementary program and transfer admission requirements. Official information for the Bachelor of Education Elementary transferable to University of Alberta is available in the University of Alberta Calendar (http://calendar.ualberta.ca/), University of Alberta website (www.ualberta.ca), and from Faculty of Education advisors at University of Alberta. The Alberta Transfer Guide (http://transferalberta.alberta.ca/) governs the transfer of course credit from RDC to UofA and only the Faculty of Education at University of Alberta may confirm course transfer.

Students are responsible for:
- researching and becoming aware of applicable university program and transfer admission regulations in their year of application,
- using the Alberta Transfer Guide to determine appropriate credit transfer for all courses taken at RDC, and
- contacting the Faculty of Education at University of Alberta as soon as possible if they attended post-secondary institutions other than RDC and/or programs other than Bachelor of Education at RDC, or earned the academic status of Required to Withdraw in a previous term(s).

This guide is available at www.rdc.ab.ca/apg and, for admitted/current students, on the Registration page in The Loop.

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Bachelor of Education Elementary Degree (B.Ed. Elementary) is a generalist program that prepares prospective teachers in the required elementary school subjects for Kindergarten to Grade 6. The 4-year program consists of 120 credits; a total of 14 student teaching weeks are included.

A maximum of 60 credits in transferable courses may be completed at Red Deer College; the remaining 60 credits (last two years) must be completed in the Faculty of Education on the University of Alberta campus in Edmonton. This guide contains the first two years of coursework which includes courses in education, teachable subjects, non-education options, and open options.

While admission to B.Ed. Elementary at RDC does not require a high school mathematics course, the program includes two mathematics course requirements and students must meet course prerequisites (see Chart 1, page 3). Students who do not meet course prerequisites are advised to contact the School of Education advising specialist as soon as possible to discuss upgrading high school math courses.

A maximum course load at RDC is: five 3-credit post-secondary courses per fall or winter term. To complete this program in four years requires successfully completing ten 3-credit courses per year over four academic years. B.Ed. students who will take RDC high school upgrading courses have a maximum course load of one upgrading course plus three 3-credit post-secondary courses or two upgrading courses plus two post-secondary 3-credit courses. Including upgrading courses with your post-secondary course work will likely extend the number of terms or years required to complete the first 60 credits.

The Alberta Government requires people who work directly with children to have a current Police Record Check which includes the Vulnerable Sector. As some of the education courses are taught at West Park Middle School and/or have observations at other local schools, the Police Record Check with Vulnerable Sector MUST be submitted to the School of Education Office at least 1 (one) week prior to the start of classes. It is recommended to get your Police Record Check with Vulnerable Sector done in your home community and the cost of the Police Record Check varies by Police Detachment.

Students with Study Permits who are admitted to a program that has a practicum or clinical placement in child care, primary/secondary school teaching, or health service field occupations, must complete their Medical Authorization as required by Citizenship and Immigration Canada one month prior to the start of classes. This is required for all Bachelor of Education programs.
NOTE: Students who wish to apply to UofA for both the B.Ed. Elementary program (completed on UofA campus in Edmonton) and B.Ed. Collaborative Middle Years program (completed on the RDC campus in Red Deer) or who are not sure which program they want: use the academic planning guide for the B.Ed. Collaborative Middle Years Route program for course planning and transfer admission information. All courses in the B.Ed. Middle Years program fit into the B.Ed. Elementary program for Fall 20 admission. [www.rdc.ab.ca/apg](http://www.rdc.ab.ca/apg).

This academic planning guide prepares students for admission to UofA’s B.Ed. Elementary program on the UofA campus only.

### B.Ed. ELEMENTARY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: THE FIRST TWO YEARS

Using the Guide:

- **Some courses have high school or postsecondary prerequisites** which must be successfully completed before taking the course. Prerequisite courses may be used to fulfill Non-Education or Open Options; take prerequisites early on. Check for course prerequisites in the course descriptions (see RDC timetable or Look-Up Classes in The Loop). **Co-requisite** means the course must be taken in the same term if it has not been previously completed.

- (*3) represents 3 credits transferable to UofA; (*6) represents 6 credits transferable to UofA

- If you wish, you may take six credits in one subject to fulfill 6 credits in one element (i.e. ART 201 and ART 231 for the Fine Arts element).

- Footnotes are used to direct you to specific important information. When you see a tiny raised number at the end of a word or course number (i.e. MUSE3), read the information in the corresponding number under “Footnotes”. Read and follow all footnotes carefully.

- Use the Alberta Transfer Guide ([http://transferalberta.alberta.ca/](http://transferalberta.alberta.ca/)) to ensure courses chosen transfer for credit as required and meet any course level and/or subject requirements (i.e. senior-level ENGL, MUSIC).

- Not all courses are offered every term or every year.

- The UofA Faculty of Education no longer accepts courses that were challenged.


#### SUGGESTED PATTERN FOR FIRST YEAR COURSES

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In your following terms of study you will take remaining courses to a maximum of 60 credits.

There are 23 courses (69 credits) shown in the table below; **you will only take 20 courses (60 credits)**. Since you may only transfer a maximum of 60 credits **you will leave 3 courses (9 credits) to take at UofA**. UofA encourages the completion of 42 credits in Non-Education Elements, 9 credits in Education courses, and up to 9 credits in Non-Education &/or Open Options in years 1 and 2.
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<td>Aboriginal &amp; Indigenous Histories &amp; Culture</td>
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<td>FAM 315, 322, KNSS ‡ 210, 214, SOCI 371</td>
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When you take one of the courses below as your first math requirement: | Your second course can ONLY be chosen from one of the courses in this column below that is on the same row as your first course. (Follow the arrow ▶)
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CMPT 201 – Intro Computer Program | One of: MATH* (MATH 260 recommended), STAT 251
KNSS 209 – Measurement & Evaluation | Any MATH* (MATH 260 recommended)
STAT 251** - Intro to Statistics | One of: MATH* (MATH 260 recommended), CMPT 201, SOCI 310**
SOCI 310 - Intro to Social Statistics | Any MATH* (MATH 260 recommended)
PSYC 312 - Experimental Design and Quantitative Methods | Any MATH* (MATH 260 recommended)

* MATH 202, 203, 204, 221 may be taken; contact the School of Education advising specialist.
** Do not take SOCI 310 before STAT 251; you would not receive credit for both courses from UofA.

3. Some of the courses above have prerequisites.
   - MATH 260: prerequisite is Math 30-2 or Math 30-1 or RDC’s MATH 092 or MATH 096. The Faculty of Education encourages taking MATH 260 in preparation for teaching math.
   - STAT 251: the prerequisite for this statistics course is Math 30-2 or Math 30-1 or RDC’s MATH 092 or MATH 096
   - CMPT 201: this math based computer programming course does not have a prerequisite
   - KNSS 209: this math based measurement and evaluation course does not have a prerequisite
   - SOCI 310: this statistics based sociology course has a prerequisite of SOCI 260
   - PSYC 312: this statistics based psychology course has a prerequisite of MATH 30-1 or 30-2, & PSYC 260 and a co-requisite of PSYC 261

4. If you do not meet course prerequisites contact the School of Education advising specialist as soon as possible to discuss upgrading high school math courses (see page 6). Including upgrading courses with postsecondary course work may extend the number of terms or years required to complete the first two years of the program.

5. If you previously completed postsecondary mathematics, computer science, measurement and evaluation, or statistics (science, psychology, kinesiology, sociology, etc.) courses, contact the School of Education advising specialist before registering in Mathematics Requirement courses.

CHART 2: NON-EDUCATION OPTIONS

Non-Education Options are courses that are not Education courses (i.e. EDUC 320, EDFN 341). This is an opportunity to further develop knowledge in specific teaching areas. The list below shows the subject areas from which you can choose Non-Education Option courses. Some course have prerequisites. Course outlines are available here. Use the Alberta Transfer Guide to determine how/if the course transfers to UofA. If you completed postsecondary courses elsewhere contact the advising specialist now.

Choose courses transferable to University of Alberta from the following:

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<td>Computing Science CMPT 201 only</td>
<td>Genetics GENE</td>
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<td>Dance KDNC</td>
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<td>Biology BIOL</td>
<td>Drama DRAM</td>
<td>Interdisciplinary Studies INTD</td>
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<td>Business BUS</td>
<td>Economics ECON</td>
<td>Kinesiology KNSS or Kinesiology Physical Education KPED</td>
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<td>Math MATH</td>
<td>Sociology SOCI (not SOCI 260/261 &amp; 322)</td>
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<td>Chemistry CHEM</td>
<td>Family Studies FAM</td>
<td>Microbiology MICR</td>
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OPEN OPTIONS

A course in any subject that transfers for credit to UofA. This includes courses in Chart 2 (Non-Education Options) above or in Education. If you take an Open Option you are encouraged to take an Education course (courses which begin with ED); see Footnotes 1, 3, 4, and 8 on next page.
1. Students who previously completed EDFX 203 will be given credit in lieu of EDUC 250; do not also take EDUC 250.

2. If you previously completed SOCI 260 with a grade of C- or greater to fulfill the Aboriginal and Indigenous Histories and Culture requirement in a term prior to Fall 2013 you must also take SOCI 261 to fulfill the Social Sciences Elements.

3. The seats in some courses are reserved for specific majors. This means only students in the specified major can register or waitlist for those seats. Major reserves for fall and winter terms are usually lifted in mid-June and at that time, if there are seats available, you may register in the course or, if the course is full and closed, you may waitlist for a seat. There is no guarantee you will get into one of these courses so you are advised to plan your schedules accordingly. Courses in ACCT, ART, BADM, KDNC, KNSS, KPAC, MUSI, PSIO etc. may have Major reserves. Major Reserves (i.e. KNSS only or KNSS [40]) are shown in the comments section of a course entry in Look-Up Classes (timetable).

4. MUSE and MUSI courses taken to fulfill the Fine Arts Element must transfer to UofA for 3 credits and as MUSIC.

5. If you previously completed EDPY 200 with a grade of C- or greater from Fall 2012 to Winter 2016 it will be accepted for credit towards this requirement; do not also take EDPY 305. EDPY 307 will not fulfill this requirement but it could be taken as an Open Option. Transfer credit cannot be received at UofA for both [EDPY 200 and EDPY 305] or [EDPY 200 or 305 and PSYC 353].

6. Students who completed EDUC 251 in 2013/14 (with a grade of C- or greater) are advised to contact the Faculty of Education at UofA regarding the use of this course.

TRANSFER STUDENT ADMISSION INFORMATION FOR B.ED. ELEMENTARY ROUTE

Transfer Credit

1. Courses must transfer to UofA to be considered for credit and must be applicable to the program to be credited towards the degree.

2. A maximum of 60 credits may be transferred into B.Ed. Elementary at UofA.

3. A minimum grade of C- must be achieved to receive transfer credit to UofA. However, while courses with grades of D or F will not transfer they remain on your transcript and will be used in calculation of your admission GPA (AGPA) should they fall within the terms used.

4. Repeating courses: From the perspective of the Faculty of Education, courses may be repeated (due to withdrawal or grade below C-) as many times as necessary (per institutional policy) to achieve a minimum grade of C-. However, the first grade of C- or higher received in a course is the only grade accepted for that course. Repeating a course in which a grade of C- or higher was earned is not helpful in terms of AGPA or credits earned as all following grades earned in the course will simply be crossed off the transcript as if they never occurred. Do not retake a course in which you already earned a grade of C- or higher. Any students who previously attended UofA and wish retake equivalent coursework, please see the advising specialist before doing so.

5. Students who complete coursework in a Spring (May/June) or Summer (July/August) term prior to the fall term of their admission must submit a request to the Faculty of Education for a Credit Check in order for this coursework to be considered for transfer to the B.Ed. Elementary program. Contact a UofA Faculty of Education Undergraduate advisor well in advance.

6. Students transferring with fewer than 60 credits are eligible for admission consideration; the outstanding coursework will be completed once at UofA. Students who will apply to UofA for admission with nine to 22.5 credits completed see High School Applicants with some Postsecondary Credit. Such applicants must present a minimum admission average on the high school admission requirements plus a competitive GPA on their post-secondary courses. Contact UofA Office of the Registrar if you require further information.

7. Students must have a minimum 2.0 AGPA to be eligible for admission consideration by the Faculty of Education. Please note a higher AGPA may be required as admission is competitive. However, all students who will meet the minimum AGPA are encouraged to submit an application.

8. When calculating the Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA), the Faculty of Education will use all grades earned in the most recent terms containing at least 24 transferable, non-repeated, graded credits without breaking up a term. This will include both a failing or non-transferable grade and a transferable grade for the same course should they occur.

Academic History

9. Official transcripts for high school completed in Alberta and for accredited post-secondary institutions in Alberta are normally requested on your behalf by the UofA. For all AP/IB coursework and any transcripts from education institutions outside of Alberta, you
are required to request the issuing institution to send your official transcripts directly to the UofA. Submit transcripts from all post-secondary institutions you attended or to which you were given admission. Contact the Faculty of Education at UofA should you have any questions about submitting transcripts.

10. **Students who have once earned the academic status of Required to Withdraw** from any post-secondary program(s) or institution(s) are advised to see the advising specialist or contact the Faculty of Education at UofA.

11. **Students who have twice (or more) earned the academic status of Required to Withdraw** from any post-secondary program(s) or institution(s) are advised to contact the UofA Faculty of Education Undergraduate as soon as possible regarding their future admissibility to the program.

12. **If you previously attended a post-secondary institution other than RDC**, you must contact the UofA Faculty of Education Undergraduate Student Services as soon as possible regarding transfer of credit for those courses into their program (edadmiss@ualberta.ca). Only the Faculty of Education at UofA can confirm credit transfer for those courses.

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**TRANSFER STUDENT APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR B.ED. ELEMENTARY ROUTE AT U OF A**

1. **For all the information** regarding admission requirements, applying to the Faculty of Education at University of Alberta, and understanding the application process see [https://www.ualberta.ca/education/programs/undergraduate-admissions/application-process](https://www.ualberta.ca/education/programs/undergraduate-admissions/application-process).

2. **Applying to the Faculty of Education:**
   - Applications generally open on October 1st. See UofA admission information. **Apply as soon as possible!**
   - Application deadline: generally March 1
   - Document deadline: see [https://www.ualberta.ca/education/programs/undergraduate-admissions/application-process](https://www.ualberta.ca/education/programs/undergraduate-admissions/application-process)
   - To-Do List deadline: see [https://www.ualberta.ca/education/programs/undergraduate-admissions/application-process](https://www.ualberta.ca/education/programs/undergraduate-admissions/application-process)

3. **Admission to the University of Alberta is competitive** and admission GPAs range throughout each admission cycle. UofA extends an Admission Offer (with or without ‘basic’ conditions to be met) to qualified students based on a minimum of their most recent 24 credits provided these credits are **transferable, non-repeated, and graded**.

4. **Admission is to the Fall term only.**
HOW TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

RED DEER COLLEGE  www.rdc.ab.ca
RDC Course Outlines  http://rdc.ab.ca/programs/course-outlines/list
School of Education  https://rdc.ab.ca/education
Phone: 403-342-3334
School of Education  Caroline Graham  education@rdc.ab.ca  Include your RDC student ID in emails.
Office: Room 2510
Student Connect, Registrar’s Office  https://www.ualberta.ca/registrar
University of Alberta Calendar  http://calendar.ualberta.ca/
UofA FACULTY OF EDUCATION  http://www.elementaryed.ualberta.ca/
Undergraduate Student Services  http://www.uss.ualberta.ca/
edadmiss@ualberta.ca  Phone: 780-492-3659
Undergraduate Student Advisor  edadmiss@ualberta.ca
ALBERTA TRANSFER GUIDE  http://transferalberta.alberta.ca/

RESPONSIBILITY OF STUDENT

Be aware that you are responsible for ensuring your course registration is complete and appropriate for the B.Ed. Elementary Route program, that your course choices comply with the program to which you have been admitted at RDC and/or to the university to which you wish to transfer, and that your selected courses transfer for credit into your program at your destination university.

The function of the School of Education advising specialist and associate is to provide B.Ed. students with information and resources that enable them to make informed decisions relevant to their education. These resources include the RDC Calendar, the Academic Planning Guide for your chosen program and destination university, the Alberta Transfer Guide, and the calendar and contact information for your destination university. The advising specialist will assist you in interpreting information from these resources or refer you to your destination university if appropriate. Students in Bachelor of Education programs are strongly advised to refer to the calendar of the university to which they wish to transfer, familiarize themselves with current admission and program requirements, and contact the Faculty of Education at their transfer university regarding admission requirements, transfer of course credit, GPA calculation, etc.