

CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION ASSISTANT

At a Glance

Faculty

www.kpu.ca/arts (<http://www.kpu.ca/arts/>)

Area of Study:

www.kpu.ca/arts/edap (<http://www.kpu.ca/arts/edap/>)

Academic Level:

Undergraduate

Credential Granted:

Certificate

Start Date:

Fall (September)

Intake Type:

- Limited

Minimum Credits Required:

34.5

Curriculum Effective Date:

01-Sep-2021

Graduates work with Kindergarten through Grade 12 students and assist teachers in providing personal care and behavioural and learning support to a variety of students in public and independent schools.

There is a high demand for Education Assistants and they are employed by every school district throughout the province. The graduates work in a variety of settings, including regular classrooms, resource rooms, work experience sites, and in life-skills activities.

To integrate the knowledge and skills learned in the program, all students complete two four-week, full-time practicums in the schools over the course of their studies, one in an elementary school and one in a secondary school. During this time, a student will observe, assist, and work with children and adolescents with diverse needs under the guidance and supervision of professional staff. This certificate allows for progression into BA programs at KPU. Contact Arts Degree Advising for details.

Requirements

Admission Requirements

In addition to the Faculty's Admission Requirements, which consist of KPU's undergraduate English Proficiency Requirement (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/admissions/english-proficiency-requirements/>), the following program admission requirements apply:

- A letter of intent, of about 500 words in length, addressing:
 - Your understanding of the role of an Education Assistant in K-12 schools
 - The qualities you possess that make you a good candidate for this work

- One reference letter from a referee who can speak to your suitability for the work of an Education Assistant

All newly admitted students to the Education Assistant program will be required to provide:

- An acceptable Criminal Record Check through the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General's Criminal Records Review Program within 6 months of the start of the program.
- If you are not a Canadian citizen, you are required to secure a Criminal Record Search with the Vulnerable Sector from your country of origin.

Curricular Requirements

Note: EDAS courses are assessed at Tuition Category 2.a.2 (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/registration/tuition-mandatory-student-fees/>) for domestic students.

Code	Title	Credits
EDAS 1101	Including Diverse Learners in Schools	3
EDAS 1105	Supporting Learning in Schools	3
EDAS 1120	Introduction to Practice and Positive Behaviour Support	3
EDAS 1131	Interpersonal Communications	3
EDAS 1225	Alternative and Augmentative Communication	1.5
EDAS 1271	Practicum One	3
EDAS 1282	Social and Emotional Learning and Mental Health in K - 12 Schools	3
EDAS 1305	Overview of Curriculum for Inclusive Schools	3
EDAS 1371	Practicum Two	3
EDAS 2121	Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders	3
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 1100	Introduction to University Writing ¹	
ENGL 1104	Reading and Writing Skills for Educational Assistants ¹	
CMNS 1140	Introduction to Professional Communication	
Select either:		3-6
EDAS 1163	Themes in Child and Adolescent Development	
or both of the following:		
PSYC 2320	Developmental Psychology: Childhood ²	
PSYC 3321	Developmental Psychology: Adolescence ²	
Total Credits		34.5-37.5

¹ ENGL 1104 is specific to the Education Assistant program. Students that continue into a bachelor's degree at KPU, in order to become a teacher in the future, will be required to take ENGL 1100.

² Students who choose PSYC 2320 and PSYC 3321 in lieu of EDAS 1163 would need to complete additional courses in PSYC to meet prerequisites, increasing the overall credit total.

Some local school districts require that Education Assistants have both a high school graduation diploma and an Education Assistant Certificate. Check the BC Transfer Guide for up-to-date information about transfer opportunities to degree programs in B.C.

Credential Awarded

Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible to receive a **Certificate in Education Assistant**.