

**NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLEGE  
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE  
PROGRAM INFORMATION AND COMPLETION GUIDE**

**Program Name:** University Arts and Sciences  
**Credential/Certification:** Associate of Arts Degree-Alaska Highway  
Consortium on Teacher Education (AHCOTE)  
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**Program Description:** The Associate of Arts Degree – AHCOTE (AAA) is awarded to students who complete two years of planned coursework at Northern Lights College. The AAA prepares students for entry into the Alaska Highway Consortium on Teacher Education (AHCOTE), the teacher-training program offered at NLC. Credits may also be applied toward a degree.

The AAA is offered as part of the University Arts and Sciences program, 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, 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.

\* A. Domestic students must have official transcripts demonstrating the following Math Requirement: Successful completion of one of the following: 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.

\* B. International students must have documentation demonstrating the following Math Requirement: Successful completion of one of the following: 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: For transfer into degree programs in this field, degree granting institutions might require higher pre-requisites than required for entrance into NLC's AAA program. All students planning to transfer into a bachelor's degree should ensure that they have met the entrance requirements of the receiving institution. In addition, some elective courses in NLC's AAA require additional course pre-requisites.

**Post-Admission Requirements:**

After program admission, but upon registration in EDUC 252, students must complete a Criminal Record Check.

Using the specified Consent Form, request a Ministry of Justice Schedule B Criminal Record Check (CRC). Because requests for Schedule B CRCs may take up to six weeks, students are strongly encouraged to attend to this post-admission requirement as soon as possible. Please note that convictions for certain offenses may disqualify students from participating in course practica. Further, students are obligated to report any Schedule B criminal convictions that occur after they authorize a CRC, but are still registered in EDUC 252. Failure to do so may result in immediate dismissal from the course.

**Length of Program:** (weeks and total hours) The AA--AHCOTE 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:** One week prior to start of University Arts and Sciences courses.

**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, the University of Northern British Columbia, and Northern Lights College. Courses comprising the AA--AHCOTE 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

**Required Minimum Grade:** (overall and/or minimum within a course)  
A cumulative grade point average of 2.00 ("C") or better must be obtained from all courses applied toward the AA--AHCOTE. A minimum grade of D is required for individual courses.

**Residency Requirement:** (percentage of courses which must be taken at NLC)  
25%; minimum 'C' grade (60%) or equivalent on all transferred courses.

**Required Courses:** (list courses required to complete credential  
and total hours for each course)

Year 1 (Pre-Education Certificate)  
ENGL 100 Academic Writing (45 hrs)  
ENGL 105 Non-Fictional Prose (45 hrs)  
OR ENGL 111 Poetry and Drama (45 hrs)  
OR ENGL 112 Prose Fiction (45 hrs)  
HIST 103 Canada Pre-Confederation (45 hrs)  
HIST 104 Canada Post-Confederation (45 hrs)  
MATH 190 Principles of Mathematics for Teachers (60 hrs)  
GEOG 103 Regional Geography of Canada (60 hrs)

Plus one lab science (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) (75-105 hrs per lab science)

Plus two or three open electives in Arts and Science, depending on the course(s) selected as a lab science (45 hrs per elective)

Year 2 (Completion of the Associate of Arts Degree)

EDUC 100 Questions and Issues in Education (45 hrs)

EDUC 240 Social Issues in Education (45 hrs)

EDUC 252 Introduction to Reflective Practice (75 hrs)

CPSC 100 Introduction to Computers and Computer Applications (60 hrs)

OR CPSC 101 Introduction to Computing (45 hrs)

FNST 100 Aboriginal Peoples of Canada (45 hrs)

OR FNST 102 Treaties and Aboriginal Rights (45 hrs)

OR ANTH 203 Contemporary Canadian Native (45 hrs)

OR HIST 209 History of First Nations of Canada (45 hrs.)

Plus four 200-level Arts Electives (45 hrs)\*

Plus one open Elective in Arts or Sciences (45 hrs)

\*Note that PSYC 211 is recommended as a 200-level Arts elective. However, PSYC 211 requires PSYC 101 and 102 as prerequisites.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT for AA degree, SSWD diploma, CRIM diploma, Bus MGMT diploma, ARCH diploma; certificates**

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Domestic students,<sup>1</sup> and students from countries<sup>2</sup> which practice Standard Written English (SWE), must have official transcripts demonstrating they have met one of the following English Requirements with a "B" grade or higher: English 12, English Studies 12, English Literature 12, English 12 First Peoples, English 050, or English 099; alternatively, any university-level English course<sup>3</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.

International students, as well as domestic students who received their secondary education in French, or another language, must show that they have met the NLC English requirement by one of the following:

- Showing documentation of an IELTS result with an overall score of 6.0 or higher with no band less than 5.5. (Students with a writing band of 6.0 or less are required to complete English 099 with a "B" grade or higher before enrolling in any English courses required for program completion; the necessity for completing this upgrade can extend the length of the program.) NLC may accept as equivalent 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) 68.
- Showing documentation of completing 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.
- Showing documentation of completing the last three years of full-time secondary school education in English in Canada with a minimum grade of "B" in English 12 or its equivalent.
- Completing the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) 060 level certificate. Students who are unable to provide an appropriate IELTS score or equivalent will be conditionally enrolled in an NLC program, and upon arrival at NLC will be assessed by the ESL department and placed in the appropriate level of the EAP program.

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<sup>1</sup> Except those whose secondary education was conducted in French or another language.

<sup>2</sup> England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Australia, New Zealand, USA.

<sup>3</sup> From reputable institutions in Canada and the same list of SWE countries.