

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

Program Name: University Arts and Sciences
Credential/Certification: Pre-Education Certificate
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Program Description: The Pre-Education Certificate comprises the first year of an Associate of Arts Degree designed for prospective teachers and is a first step toward enrolment in the Alaska Highway Consortium on Teacher Education (AHCOTE), Northern Lights College's teacher training program.

A Pre-Education Certificate is awarded to students who complete one year of planned coursework at Northern Lights College. Credits earned may also be applied to an undergraduate degree with other post secondary institutions.

The Pre-Education Certificate 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:

A. Domestic students and students from counties that practice Standard Written English ([see Appendix A](#)) must have official transcripts demonstrating that they have met the English Requirements: One of the following with a 'C' grade or higher: English 12 or English Literature 12 or English First Peoples 12, ENGL 050, or ENGL 099. Alternatively, any university-level English course 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.

B. International students who do not meet the requirement A above, and domestic students who received their secondary education in French or another language, must show that they have met the NLC English requirement: [see Appendix A \(General Academic English Language Proficiency Requirements\)](#)

C. Math Requirement: One of the following with a 'C' grade or higher: Precalculus 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 that some course options have specific prerequisites. Meeting the program entrance requirements does not ensure course prerequisites have been met for all available courses.

Length of Program: (weeks and total hours) The Education Certificate involves 450 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 30 weeks.

Program Intake: (start/finish dates)

Start: September, January, May

Finish: December, April, June

Available Seats: 30 per course

Application Deadline: Last day for late registration as indicated in the NLC Calendar. International students should contact the International Department for deadlines specific to their situation.

Career Prospects: As noted above, the Pre-Education Certificate may lead to enrollment in NLC's AA-AHCOTE, in AHCOTE, and a career in teaching or provide credits that count toward a Bachelor's Degree and other employment opportunities.

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 Pre-Education Certificate transfer to receiving institutions throughout British Columbia (see the BC Transfer Guide 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, for domestic students. No, for international students.

Required Minimum Grade: (overall and/or minimum within a course)

'C' grade (60%) cumulative GPA; 'D' grade (50%) minimum in a course.

Residency Requirement: (percentage of courses which must be taken at NLC)

25%; note that a minimum 60% or 'C' grade (60%) is required for courses to be considered for transfer into this program. The age of the course will also be considered in course transfer.

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

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)