

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION- EARLY YEARS OR MIDDLE YEARS SPECIALIZATION
CREDENTIAL GRANTED: UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE
RED DEER POLYTECHNIC

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You are responsible for ensuring that your registration is complete and appropriate and that your course choices comply with the program to which you have been admitted at Red Deer Polytechnic and/or to the university to which you wish to transfer (if applicable). You are cautioned that any changes to your courses, your major or your transfer destination may adversely affect your transferable credit (if applicable), admission requirements for future programs, or eligibility to graduate from Red Deer Polytechnic. Please consult with an Advisor if you have any questions.

Students in university transfer programs are strongly advised to refer to the calendar of the university to which they wish to transfer and should contact appropriate university departments as required.

For access to live and the most up-to-date version of this guide, please visit www.rdpolytech.ca/apg.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- See the [Academic Calendar](#).
- This new four-year degree will prepare you to teach in inclusive K-12 classrooms. Learn to design high-quality, socially responsible, and authentic learning opportunities that meet learner needs.
- In the first year of studies, you will take a set of common Education Profession courses. In the second year of this program, you will join a cohort to specialize in one of the following:
 - **Early Years:** Focus on literacy, numeracy, and teaching Grades K – 4.
 - **Middle Years:** Focus on teaching Grades 5 to 9 and young adolescent learners.
 - **Secondary:** Focus on teaching Grades 10 to 12 in a chosen major and minor.
- The Education Profession courses in this program in Year 2 and onwards are cohort based, which means that students are expected to take these courses along with the other students admitted to their specialization in the same year. These courses are only offered once a year and very difficult to take out-of-sequence.
- In addition to built-in minors in inclusive education and instructional design, students in all specializations will choose one of ten minors: Biological Sciences, Canadian Studies, English Language Arts, General Sciences, General Studies, Indigenous Studies, Mathematics, Physical Education, Social Studies, or Visual Art.
- If you are interested in the Secondary specialization, please view the [Academic Planning Guide](#) for RDP's Bachelor of Education Secondary.

WHAT IS THIS GUIDE?

- This is an Academic Planning Guide, prepared by the Student Connect Centre to help you register for courses towards your desired program.
- If you are transferring to another institution to complete your degree, we strongly advise that you read the Academic Calendar of your destination institution for full information.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Successful completion of all degree requirements, obtaining 120 credits with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

- **Early Years and Middle Years specializations:**

- 78 credits in Education courses, including successful completion of 18 weeks of supervised practicum
- 42 credits in non-Education courses including: 3 credits Canadian Studies, 3 credits Science, 3 credits Math and 6 credits in English Literature and Composition.

- **Secondary specialization:**

- 63 credits in Education courses, including successful completion of 18 weeks of supervised practicum
- 57 credits in non-Education courses including: 33 credits in teaching subject major, 18 credits in minor subject area, and 6 credits in English Literature and Composition.

In-Program Continuation Requirements- Admission into Bachelor of Education program specializations (Year Two) require successful completion of 10 courses including the five required Year One Education (EDUC) courses with a minimum GPA of 2.5.

WHAT IS A TERM? TERMS ARE THE PERIOD IN WHICH YOUR STUDIES TAKE PLACE. AT RDP, WE OFFER FOUR TERMS.

- **Fall** term (September through December)
- **Winter** term (January through April)
- **Spring** term (May through June): Spring term is an optional, condensed term. Course offerings are limited.
- **Summer** term (July through August): Summer term is an optional, condensed term. Course offerings are limited.

HOW MANY COURSES SHOULD I TAKE A TERM?

- The maximum number of courses you can take in the Fall or Winter terms is 5 courses and 2 courses in the Spring (optional).
- To complete your program in four years, you would need to take the maximum number of courses per term (5 courses in the Fall and 5 courses in the Winter), or 10 course per year. Some students will complete 10 courses in a year by taking 4 courses in the Fall, 4 courses in the Winter, and 2 courses in the Spring (or a combination thereof).
- When determining your course load keep your funding in mind, if applicable. For course load requirements for funding purposes, please visit www.rdpolytech.ca/psfunding.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I TAKE LESS THAN THE RECOMMENDED COURSE LOAD?

- You may need an extra term or year to complete your program.
- Keep in mind, the education courses (EDUC) in this program are cohort based and very difficult to take out-of-sequence.

WHAT IF I COMPLETED COURSES AT ANOTHER POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION?

Once you are admitted to RDP, you can then apply to have your post-secondary courses assessed for transfer credit through our [Recognition of Prior Learning Office](#). Once admitted to RDP you can complete an [RPL application form](#) and provide the Polytechnic Assessors with any and all transcripts, course outlines/descriptions, or other documentation necessary to support your PLAR application.

NOTE: A maximum of 30 credits from other recognized institutions may be transferred toward this degree.

REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM AUDIT

- Refer to the **Registration** tab on your Loop account to view **Registration Tips and Tricks** for information on:
 - Registering in classes
 - Waitlisting
 - Checking Prerequisites and Corequisites
 - Courses listed as **prerequisites** must be completed before you start the course in question.
 - Courses listed as **co-requisites** must be taken at the same time as the course in question.
 - Viewing Your Schedule
 - And much more!
- You can also see for yourself exactly which criteria each course will meet, by using **Grad Tracker**. To access this, log in to the Loop and select Online Services→Student Services→Grad Tracker.
- After you have completed your registration, if you would like an advisor to review your registration please submit a [Registration Review Form](#).

COURSE SEQUENCE/GRADUATION CHECKLIST (UNOFFICIAL)

When registering in courses each year it is critical that you complete your Education Profession (EDUC) core courses to progress to the next year of study.

After you have completed Year 1, you will join your specialization. Year 2 courses are reserved for those in that specialization. You cannot take Year 2 courses until you have been admitted to your specialization in Year 2.

REQUIREMENT	PREREQUISITE	COMMENTS	COMPLETED
YEAR 1 COURSES			
EDUC 1301 (3 Credits)	Interpersonal Relationships	Anti-requisite: EDCM 341	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have previously taken EDCM 341 do not take EDUC 1301. • If you have previously taken ELCC 213 or EDAS 116, contact the Student Connect Centre about AP Credit. • Offered Fall, Winter or Spring term.
EDUC 1302 (3 Credits)	Educational Technology	Anti-requisite: EDIT 302	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have previously completed EDIT 302 do not take EDUC 1302. • Offered Fall, Winter or Spring term.
EDUC 1304 (3 Credits)	Inclusive Learning Environments		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have previously completed EDAS 151, contact Student Connect Centre about AP credit.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offered Fall or Winter. You must complete EDUC 1304 to take EDUC 2500 in Year 2. 	
EDUC 1305 (3 Credits)	Child Development	Anti-requisites: EDPY 305	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have previously taken EDPY 305, EDPY 200, or EDPY 307 do not take EDUC 1305. If you have previously taken ELCC 211, contact the Student Connect Centre about AP Credit. Offered Fall or Winter. 	
EDUC 1500 (3 Credits)	The Teaching Profession	Anti-requisites: EDFX 203 or EDUC 250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have previously taken EDUC 250 do not take EDUC 1500. If you have previously taken ELCC 210 or EDAS 114, contact the Student Connect Centre about AP Credit. Offered Fall or Winter. You must complete EDUC 1500 to take EDUC courses in Year 2. 	
ENGL 219 (3 Credits)	Essay Composition	Prerequisite: ELA 30-1 or equivalent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take in first term. 	
ENGL 220 (3 Credits)	Literary Analysis	Prerequisite: ENGL 219	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take in second term. 	
<u>Non-Ed Math</u> (3 Credits)				
<u>Non-Ed Science</u> (3 Credits)				
<u>Non-Ed Canadian Studies</u> (3 Credits)				

In Year 2 of this program, you join a cohort for your specialization, as such **you must register in EDUC courses designated for Early Years or Middle Years students.** These courses are indicated by the section.

- Early Years= Section E

- Middle Years= Section M

Please note, not all EDUC courses have a designated section for each specialization each term, which means you must take your EDUC courses in the terms outlined below.

YEAR 2 FIRST TERM COURSES

EDUC 2500 (3 Credits)	Social Equity and Inclusion	Prerequisites: EDUC 1500 and EDUC 1304		
EDUC 2803 (3 Credits)	Language Learning and Literacy	Prerequisites: EDUC 1500		
EDUC 2804 (3 Credits)	Numeracy	Prerequisites: EDUC 1500		
EDUC 2805 (3 Credits)	Foundational Knowledge	Prerequisites: EDUC 1500		
Minor 1 (3 Credits)				

YEAR 2 SECOND TERM COURSES

EDUC 2312 (3 Credits)	Designing Learning	Prerequisites: EDUC 1500		
EDUC 2801 (3 Credits)	English Language Education	Prerequisites: EDUC 1500		
EDUC 2802 (3 Credits)	Mathematics Education	Prerequisites: EDUC 1500		
Minor 2 (3 Credits)				
Minor 3 (3 Credits)				

Year 3 EDUC courses will not be available until Fall 2023. Please check back in Spring 2023 for updated course guide/sequences. Updated guides will be available at www.rdpolytech.ca/apg.

YEAR 3 COURSES

EDUC 3322 (3 Credits)	Assessment in Education			
EDUC 3500 (6 Credits)	Practicum 1 Legal Frameworks			
EDUC 3808 (3 Credits)	Arts Education			
EDUC 3809 (3 Credits)	Health and Physical Education			
Minor 4 (3 Credits)				
Minor 5 (3 Credits)				
Minor 6 (3 Credits)				
Open Option 1 (3 Credits)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have previously taken ELCC 201, 	

			<p>305, 315, or 327, contact the Student Connect Centre about AP Credit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have previously taken EDAS 152, 153 or 154, contact Student Connect Centre about AP Credit. 	
Open Option 2 (3 Credits)				
YEAR 4 COURSES				
EDUC 4311 (3 Credits)	Indigenous Ways		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have previously completed ELCC 309 contact the Student Connect Centre about AP Credit. 	
EDUC 4500 (12 Credits)	Practicum II Professional Term			
EDUC 4305 (3 Credits)	Reflective Practice			
EDUC 4342 (3 Credits)	Designing Integrated learning			
EDUC 3807 (3 Credits)	Science Education			
EDUC 3806 (3 Credits)	Social Studies Education			
Open Option 3 (3 Credits)				

Non-Education Course Requirements- Early Years and Middle Years

Graduates from the *Early Years and Middle Years specialization* will be prepared to teach in each of the core subject areas. The Non-Education courses are intended to give students an introduction to each of the disciplines and augment their background knowledge as they prepare to teach students in grades K to 9.

Students in the *Early Years and Middle Years specializations* will need to select one course from each row to fulfill their non-education course degree requirements. **It is recommended that students take these required courses in Year One of the program to gain possible pre-requisite courses for chosen minor and/or curriculum courses offered later in the degree.**

Course Requirement	Choose One (1) course (3 credits) from:
Non-Education Science	ASTR 205, BIOL 201, 217, 218, 301, 317, 318; CHEM 211, 212, 351; KNSS 200, 244; PHIL 364, PHYS 205, 226; PSIO 258, 262; BIOL 351
Non-Education Math	MATH 260, STAT 251, KNSS 209, SOCI 310
Non-Education Canadian Studies	ANTH 201, 307; ECON 201, 202; HIST 371, 372, 373, 374; POLI 308, 309; PHIL 201, 202, 221; SOCI 260, 261, 301, 322

NOTE:

- **ENGLISH 219 and 220** are required non-education courses to be completed in Year 1 for **all specializations**.
- For some students, the Non-Education Course Requirement will also fulfill one of the required courses for your Minor. In which case, you will need to take one additional 3-credit Open Option to make up for these credits.

Open Options- Early and Middle Years

Students in the Early Years and Middle Years specializations can choose **3 Open Options (9 credits)** to complement their degree. These courses can be taken any time and can be other Education courses or Non-Education courses. Courses may be chosen to broaden your education or deepen your knowledge and skills in a particular area. The list below shows the subject areas from which you can choose Option courses. Some courses have prerequisites. Courses must be university transferable, as indicated in the [Alberta Transfer Guide](#).

Accounting ACCT	Classics CLAS	Film FILM	Music MUSE, MUSI
Anthropology ANTH	Communications COMM (Do not take COMM 250)	French FREN	Philosophy PHIL
Art ART	Computing Science CMPT	Genetics GENE	Physical Activities KPAC
Astronomy ASTR	Dance KDNC	History HIST	Physics PHYS
Biology BIOL	Drama DRAM	Interdisciplinary Studies INTD	Political Science POLI
Business BUS	Economics ECON	Kinesiology KNSS or Kinesiology Physical Education KPED	Psychology PSYC
Business Admin BADM	English ENGL	Math MATH	Sociology SOCI
Chemistry CHEM	Family Studies FAM	Microbiology MICR	Zoology ZOOL

Minors- All Specializations

Students in all specializations take **6 courses (18 credits)** towards their chosen minor. Students must also take the related EDUC curriculum course for each minor teachable subject. A minor will provide you with a solid background so you can be well-prepared to teach in this subject area. The required courses for each minor are listed. Note that some courses may have pre-requisites. Choose from the following minors:

Biological Sciences	Mathematics
Canadian Studies	Physical Education
English Language Arts	Social Studies
General Sciences	Visual Art

General Studies Indigenous Studies

Minors related to Science or Mathematics

<i>Minor</i>	Biological Science - Organismal	Biological Science – Cell and Molecular	General Sciences	Mathematics
High School Prerequisites	<i>Biology 30 and Chemistry 30</i>	<i>Biology 30 and Chemistry 30</i>	<i>Biology 30, Chemistry 30, and Math 30-1</i>	<i>Math 30-1</i>
Required Courses	EDUC 3807 BIOL 217 BIOL 218 BIOL 318 BIOL 350 BIOL 351 BIOL 352	EDUC 3807 BIOL 217 BIOL 218 BIOL 301 BIOL 317 BIOL 360 BIOL 370	EDUC 3807 BIOL 217 BIOL 218 CHEM 211 CHEM 212 PHYS 205 PHYS 226	EDUC 2802 MATH 260 MATH 202 or 203 MATH 221 STAT 251 <i>Choose two from:</i> MATH 204 PHIL 222 PHYS 205 PHYS 226 FINS 150 SOCI 310

Minors related to English or Social Studies

<i>Minor</i>	English	Social Studies	Canadian Studies	Indigenous Studies
High School Prerequisites	<i>English 30-1</i>	<i>Social Studies 30-1 or Social Studies 30-2</i>	<i>English 30-1 Social Studies 30-1 or Social Studies 30-2</i>	<i>Social Studies 30-1 or Social Studies 30-2</i>
Required Courses	EDUC 2801 ENGL 201 ENGL 312 ENGL 366 ENGL 385	EDUC 3806 POLI 321 HIST 208 HIST 374 HIST 379 OR INDS 205	EDUC 3806 POLI 223 POLI 321	EDUC 3806 INDS 205 ELCC 309 ENGL 385 HIST 379
Choices	<i>One of:</i> ENGL 305, 306, 359 <i>AND one of:</i> COMM 341, 371, 375, SOCI 344 OR FILM 201	<i>One of:</i> ANTH 201, 204, 307, 327 <i>AND one of:</i> CLAS 209, HIST 209, 314, 315, 351, 361, 362, 372, 373, 379; INDS 205, PHIL 201, 221; POLI 283, 308, 309; SOCI 260;	<i>One of:</i> HIST 372, 373, 374 <i>One of:</i> HIST 379, INDS 205, OR SOCI 307, ANTH 356 <i>One of:</i> ENGL 311, 312, 371 <i>AND One of:</i> ART 301 or 303, OR COMM 375	<i>Two of:</i> ANTH 321, 327, OR 356; SOCI 307

Other Minors

Minor	Physical Education	Visual Art
High School Prerequisites		
Required Courses	EDUC 3809 KPED 292 or 294 KNSS 210 KNSS 240	EDUC 3808 ART 201 or 203 ART 231 or 233 ART 241
Choices	<i>Three courses (9 credits) from:</i> KNSS 204, 205, 220, 253, 260, 307; KDNC 200 or any combination of KPAC courses	<i>Three from:</i> ART 201, 203, 231, 233, 243, 251, 261, 301, 303, 305, 306, 391

General Studies Minor

The list below shows the subject areas from which you can choose General Studies courses. Please check course prerequisites before registering.

Accounting ACCT	Classics CLAS	Film FILM	Music MUSE, MUSI
Anthropology ANTH	Communications COMM (Do not take COMM 250)	French FREN	Philosophy PHIL
Art ART	Computing Science CMPT	Genetics GENE	Physical Activities KPAC
Astronomy ASTR	Dance KDNC	History HIST	Physics PHYS
Biology BIOL	Drama DRAM	Interdisciplinary Studies INTD	Political Science POLI
Business BUS	Economics ECON	Kinesiology KNSS or Kinesiology Physical Education KPED	Psychology PSYC
Business Admin BADM	English ENGL	Math MATH	Sociology SOCI
Chemistry CHEM	Family Studies FAM	Microbiology MICR	Zoology ZOOL

WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Students will participate in field experience in each year of this degree program. These experiences working with children in K-12 and community settings help graduates to bridge theory to practice and prepare them to successfully enter their teaching career. The field experience courses are:

EDUC 1500 – The Teaching Profession
EDUC 2500 – Social Equity and Inclusion
EDUC 3500 – Practicum I Legal Frameworks
EDUC 4500 – Practicum II Professional Term

- During the first week of classes, a **Practicum Request form** (electronic link) will be sent to students' RDP email to collect placement information. Forms that arrive late or incomplete will require students to drop the course and postpone practicum to a later semester.
- **Record Checks**
 - **Criminal Record Check** that includes a **Vulnerable Sector Check**. The Criminal Record check should be completed in the student's home community and can take up to six weeks to process.
 - Please be advised that the RCMP are prohibited from conducting **Vulnerable Sector Checks** on persons under the age of 18. Due to the Youth Criminal Justice Act, the RCMP is only permitted to issue a Criminal Record Check (name based convictions), and even then, the results may only be released to federal, provincial or municipal government organizations. Once the applicant turns 18 years of age they may apply for a Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check for non-government organizations. Underage students will need to plan their registration accordingly to be able to request their checks and complete their observation hours. Students that will not turn 18 in time to complete observation hours in their first year should contact the edpracticum@rdpolytech.ca immediately to discuss their options.
 - Students also require a **Child Intervention Check**. This is obtained through the provincial government and in Alberta, it is through the [Ministry of Children's Services](#).
 - While not an admission requirement for the program, some practicum placements will not allow students to complete their hours if these documents are not in hand of the first day of practicum.
 - Additional information about obtaining these Checks is provided to students through RDP email after they have been admitted to the program.
- Students with **Study Permits** who are admitted to a program that has a practicum or clinical placement in childcare, 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 Early Learning and Childcare programs. Students with International Student status admitted to online programs at RDP are not eligible for Student Visas.
- Visit [Education Programs Practicum Website](#) for further information about practicums.

TRANSFER INFORMATION

There are many pathways toward a Bachelor of Education degree (B. Ed.) that begin at Red Deer Polytechnic (RDP). Students may need to transfer to pursue majors or minors in subject areas that we do not currently offer. The following information provides further details.

- **Transfer to University of Alberta (U of A)** – three pathways:
 - **Elementary** – A B.Ed generalist degree to prepare you to teach Grades K – 6. Transfer after year 1 or 2.
 - **Middle Years** – Similar to the Elementary route requirements, however, years 3 and 4 are offered on RDP campus and focus on preparing you to teach Grades 4 to 9. Forty students admitted annually. Please note, Fall 2022 will be the last intake into this program.
 - **Secondary** – This route prepares you to teach Grades 7 to 12 and you will need to choose a teaching subject major and minor. Transfer after year 1 or 2.
 - **French** – offered in collaboration with Campus Saint-Jean at U of A.
- **Transfer to University of Lethbridge (U of L)** – this is a five-year combined degree program (BA or BSc + B.Ed) that prepares you to teach Grades K – 12. Transfer after year 1 or 2.
- **Transfer to other post-secondary institutions:** check course transferability using the [Alberta Transfer Guide](#) and contact your intended institution for further information.

The following chart shows how the courses offered at RDP will fulfill the requirements for the above degree pathways. Although a course may be listed as transferable in the [Alberta Transfer Guide](#), it may not fulfil the requirements for a specific degree program. A course that does not fulfill certain degree requirements is listed as N/A (not applicable to the degree). The course can still be taken, but it may be extra to your degree requirements. Consult the Academic Planning Guides (linked above) for specific program details.

Bachelor of Education Degree Program Pathways Education Courses					
COURSE:	RDP	U of A Elementary	U of A Middle Years	U of A Secondary	U of L (Need four Ed Options)
EDUC 1301 (EDCM 341)	Required	Open Option	N/A	Open Option	Education Option
EDUC 1302 (EDIT 302)	Required	Required	Required	Required	Education Option
EDUC 1304 (New Course)	Required	Open Option	N/A	Open Option	Education Option
EDUC 1305 (EDPY 305)	Required	Required	Required	N/A	Education Option
EDUC 1500 (EDUC 250)	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
EDPY 307				Required	Education Option (in lieu of EDUC 1305)

Note: EDPY 200 or 307 will be used in lieu of EDUC 1305 for our RDP B.Ed degree.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND HELPFUL RESOURCES

Red Deer Polytechnic Student Connect Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca • www.rdpolytech.ca/advising • 403.342.3254
Red Deer Polytechnic website	www.rdpolytech.ca
Transfer Alberta Guide	www.transferalberta.alberta.ca