

General Program Information

Once students are accepted to **Northern Lakes College** (NLC) and have **declared their interest** in the *Bachelor of Education* (BEd) program, they must connect with:

- the Undergraduate Programs of Education (upe@ucalgary.ca) from *Werklund School of Education* (Werklund) at the **University of Calgary** (UCalgary) early on to go over questions about the program delivery, admissions requirement, and other questions, and
- the Program Coordinator (JardineL@northernlakescollege.ca) to work towards the eventual transfer to UCalgary at Werklund.

Typically, students within the NLC Community-Based BEd Partnership Program with UCalgary complete the following courses through NLC:

Community-Based Bachelor of Education (BEd) Teachable Areas	Foundational NLC courses	Electives NLC courses	Teachable NLC courses	Total NLC courses
Early Childhood Education	6	5	5 +3 UCalgary	16
English Language Arts	6	5	8	19
Math and Science	6	8	5	19
Social Studies	6	5	8	19
Social Studies: Revitalization of Indigenous Languages	6	5	7 +1 UCalgary	18
Other	Contact UCalgary (upe@ucalgary.ca)			

Students will complete their EDUC courses and practicums with UCalgary. Explore the [EDUC course descriptions homepage](#).

It's important to know that students are not guaranteed admission into UCalgary. They must be living not in vicinity to a large center. Therefore, anytime they are taking courses towards a program they are not yet in (i.e., shadowing); there is a risk.

Program Options (UCalgary)

If a student is NOT currently a UCalgary student:

- All students who don't have a prior degree, are encouraged to apply **in the first cycle of taking NLC courses** to the **Four-Year Community-Based BEd**, which has a summer intake; it's important when students apply to **select the summer term**, otherwise if they select the fall term they are applying to the on-campus pathway. If for some reason students don't get in the first cycle or prefer to wait until the second cycle, they can re-apply the following year.
- Applicants must maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher and they are only allowed two D's in their teachable area.
- Applications for the BEd Program at UCalgary open on October 1st and close on March 1st, however UCalgary encourages applicants to **apply early (first come, first serve)**. Students are responsible for consulting with UCalgary's Program Advisor and applying when they are ready to enter the program. UCalgary replies to applicants between January and March.

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- d) Once students apply and are accepted into UCalgary, they must be able to maintain full-time student status (3+ courses per term). **Note:** After completing NLC courses, the education portion of the degree may **take 3 years approximately** at UCalgary, but in some odd cases, it may take 2 years depending on completed credits, and limitations or space in the cohort.
- e) There is a **mandatory on-site** component held in Calgary for two weeks every July, once students have been accepted to UCalgary.
- f) While UCalgary tries its very best to find placements in each student's home community, you must be willing to travel up to 90 km (one-way) to complete your practicum placements. For up-to-date requirements from UCalgary's commute expectations, please visit their website by clicking on this link: <https://werklund.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate-programs/field-experience/community-based-field-experience>
- g) Students can consider attending the [UCalgary information webinar](#) for this program (October). Details will be sent to current University Studies students' NLC email.

If you ARE currently a student at UCalgary:

- a) **Letter of Permission (LoP):** For students who are already in the BEd program and looking to complete non-educational (Ed) courses, UCalgary has LoP deadlines; this LoP is required when students are taking courses at NLC while enrolled in the undergraduate program.
- b) Enrolment can only be officially completed once the LoP is formally approved. Students must speak with their UCalgary Advisor about those deadlines.
- c) NLC course selections should be sent to upe@ucalgary.ca, ideally a couple of weeks before the LoP deadlines. However, if students need to register early to secure a spot in non-educational courses, students are encouraged to request an early LoP from upe@ucalgary.ca in July rather than wait for it in late October.
- d) Students must check their UCalgary and NLC emails daily, regardless of who they are doing their term with.

All Students

Students must check UCalgary's website regularly for program changes and updates and [admission requirements](#).

Please save the following web pages and check them regularly:

- a) [Admissions](#)
- b) [Apply](#)
- c) [Cost Estimator](#)
- d) [NLC students](#) – Also includes a 3-year plan and list of NLC courses
- e) [Letter of Permission guide \(LoP\)](#)
- f) [Student opportunities](#)
- g) [Support and contact information](#)
- h) [Transfer credit](#)
- i) [Undergraduate research](#)
- j) [Werklund School of Education Webinars](#)

Planning Courses

After [applying to University Studies](#) at NLC, the student could ask the coordinator for the BEd planner to help him/her/them plan courses. This program planning document is a valuable tool that will help students navigate their academic journey effectively by ensuring that they meet the requirements for their degree and stay on track with their course load. Here are some tips on how to guide enrollment:

- Start with the Teachable Courses:** Include courses required for the teachable area, ensuring to have already completed any **prerequisites**, if applicable, before the term they wish to complete them in. If a student is unsure of their teachable area, they must start with the core courses (foundational).
- Add the Core Courses (Foundational):** These are usually prerequisites for more advanced courses.
- Distribute Electives:** Balance the semesters with elective courses that are of interest and fulfill credit requirements.

Important Information About Prerequisites

Students must meet all necessary prerequisites before enrolling and selecting a course.

A “prerequisite” refers to a course students must complete before enrolling in another. For example, students must take SOCI1000 before taking SOCI3000. Also, to take NLC’s BIOL1000, students would need BIO 30 from high school; if they do not have the high school academic requirements, they would need [academic upgrading](#).

To confirm that students have the required prerequisites for a course, please utilize the University Studies (US) Handbook or the list of US Courses for the current academic year.

Lastly, students must confirm that a transfer credit is not duplicated or an anti-requisite. For example, students cannot receive a credit for a course that transfers as MATH 265 from another post-secondary if they already have credit for MATH 265 or MATH 249 (anti-requisite). Explore the [transfer credit search tool](#) from UCalgary.

Students are responsible for reviewing course prerequisites and anti-requisites before enrolling in each term.

Consider Course Load

Aim for a manageable course load each semester:

Course Load	Summer	Fall (Term 1)	Winter (Term 2)	Spring (Term 3)
Part-time	1	1 – 2	1 – 2	1
Full-time	2	3 – 5	3 – 5	2

Review and Adjust:

Before Each Semester

- Review the plan to make necessary adjustments based on course availability or interest changes.

After Each Semester

- Update completed courses and grades.
- Adjust future course plans based on academic progress and any changes in degree requirements.

Choosing NLC (& UCalgary) Teachable Courses (8 courses in 1 area)

- 1) **Early Childhood Education (ECE):** 5 NLC courses + 3 UCalgary* courses

No. of courses	Area	Example
2	Area 1: Elective (UCalgary: EDUC 207 & EDUC 213)	*
1	Area 2: Art, art history, drama, music (UCalgary: EDUC 307)	*
2	Area 3: Science and Math	STAT1410
1	Area 4: Psychology	PSYC2010
2	Area 5: English literature	ENGL1012

- 2) **English Language Arts (ELA):** 8 NLC courses

No. of courses	Area	Example
8	Area 1: English literature	ENGL1011

- 3) **Math and Science:** 8 NLC courses

No. of courses	Area	Example
8	Area 1: Math and Science	STAT1410

- 4) **Social Studies:** 8 NLC courses

No. of courses	Area	Example
6	Area 1: History, Indigenous studies, politics, psychology	HIST1100
1	Area 2: Canadian history	HIST2600
1	Area 3: Geography	GEOG2000

- 5) **Social Studies: Revitalization of Indigenous Languages:** 7 NLC courses + 1 UCalgary* course

No. of courses	Area	Example
1	Area 1: Indigenous literature (UCalgary: EDUC 313)	*
2	Area 2: Canadian history	HIST2610
2	Area 3: Indigenous studies	INDG2100
2	Area 4: Indigenous languages	INDG1000
1	Area 5: Geography, politics, sociology	POLS1010

Choosing NLC (& UCalgary) Foundational Courses (6 courses)

No. of courses	Area	Example
1	Area 1: English or French literature foundational	ENGL1000
1	Area 2: Visual and performing arts	DRAM1020
1	Area 3: Physical education or health or wellness	HEED1010
1	Area 4: Psychology foundational	PSYC1060
1	Area 5: Science or math foundational	BIOL1000
1	Area 6: Canadian studies foundational	INDG2500

Choosing NLC (& UCalgary) Elective Courses (5 courses)

No. of courses	Area	Example
5	Any transferable courses not chosen before as foundational or teachable.	COMM1000

Note: All the NLC transferable courses are included in the BEd planner. University Studies students will receive a copy of a BEd planner to plan courses from the coordinator that matches the [UCalgary's NLC – Transferable Courses PDF document posted online.](#)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

University of Calgary Community-Based Bachelor of Education (BEd)

Note: Information in this FAQ is taken from the Werklund School of Education website and is subject to change; please refer to [UCalgary's website](#) for the most current information.

1) What is the University of Calgary Community Based Bachelor of Education?

You can earn your BEd Degree studying from your home community. Preference is given to those in rural Alberta. This program is a collaboration between NLC and the University of Calgary's Werklund School of Education.

This agreement allows students to complete the non-Education coursework required, through NLC while taking your EDUC (education) major courses through the University of Calgary.

2) How do I begin?

Applicants begin by [applying](#) to Northern Lakes College's University Studies program. Upon completion of a minimum of four (4) courses at NLC, students may apply to the University of Calgary or when they know for sure that they would like to start this BEd program.

3) Is there an application fee?

Yes, there is a \$ 100 application fee to NLC for each application submitted. [Check the UCalgary website](#) to find out the one-time required application fee.

4) When can I apply?

Applications to NLC University Studies program are accepted for September, January, and May starts. Application deadline for UCalgary's Werklund School of Education typically open October 1st with a deadline to apply of March 1st.

5) What information do I need to have to begin this program?

For acceptance to NLC's University Studies program, applicants must provide proof of English 30-1 with 60% or English30-2 with 70% or equivalent courses. For acceptance to the Werklund School of Education, NLC students must maintain a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.7. Finally, applicants must be in good academic standing,

6) What do I need to apply?

Applicants must maintain a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5+, be in good academic standing and must have completed a program or courses of study at NLC within the past two (2) years or be currently registered in the program or course study at NLC.

Applicants must also have completed **pre-requisite** high school courses or equivalents, including any equivalent courses taken as part of their NLC program of study.

Applicants must apply to Identified **Teachable Subject areas** as identified by the Dean of Werklund School of Education or the Dean's delegate.

Courses are available in the currently teachable subject areas at NLC through the University Studies program. Current eligible subjects are Early Childhood Education, English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Social Studies- Revitalization of Indigenous Languages.

Note: Qualified students applying for admission to the University of Calgary must provide all documentation required by the University. This includes transcripts from NLC, high school transcripts, and any other post-secondary transcripts.

Important: When you accept the seat, remember to pay the required deposit of \$125 to hold your seat at UCalgary's Werklund School of Education; there will be a deadline for acceptance in the offer letter from admissions, as well as in the Student Centre (portal). [Visit UCalgary's website](#) for more details; applications are open Oct. 1 to Mar. 1.

7) Can I use previous coursework towards my degree?

Programs and courses taken through NLC must have been completed within ten (10) years of applying to UCalgary.

Programs and courses taken through other institutions must have been completed within eight (8) years of applying to NLC.

The final decision regarding transferability rests with UCalgary.

8) What if I don't live in a rural or remote area and wish to apply to this program?

Students who are from urban centers will be considered for admission but may be required to do all field experience placements outside of their urban area and be responsible for costs associated with this.

9) I am a current University of Calgary student; how do I enroll in a course?

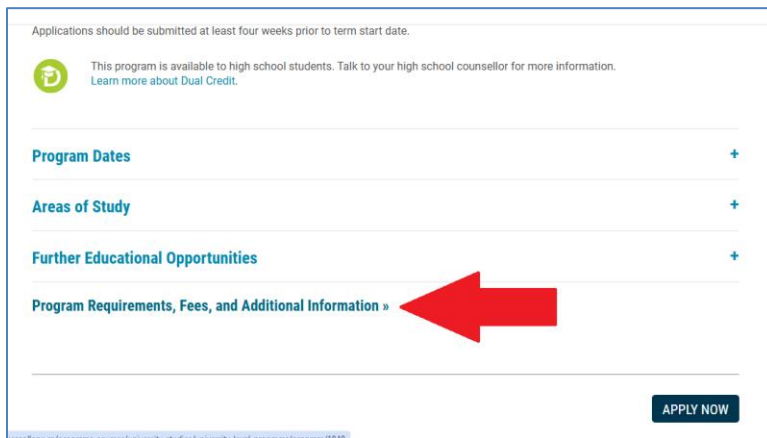
Confirm with your University of Calgary Program Advisor (upe@ucalgary.ca) that you are eligible to take your non-Education courses at NLC. A letter of permission (LoP) will be provided to confirm your eligibility and that your courses will transfer; make sure you complete the prerequisites first.

Once approval is granted, applicants must [apply to the University Studies program](#) at NLC. Once acceptance is received, course selections can be discussed with the program coordinator (JardineL@northernlakescollege.ca) or uscoordinator@northernlakescollege.ca.

University Studies Courses

To see the list of **University Studies (US)** and **College and Career Preparation** courses or other important information, follow the steps below.

1. Visit the **US website** <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/programs-courses/university-studies/university-level-programs>
2. Scroll down until you find a blue box.



3. Click on **Program Requirements, Fees, and Additional Information**.
 - a. University Studies **Textbook list**: The textbook costs are not part of the tuition fees.
 - b. University Studies **Instructional fees**: You could share this with funders.
 - c. University Studies **Program information sheet**: You can start here!
4. Click on **Program Resources** [Blue box].
5. Scroll down to find the file you are looking for:
 - a. **BEd Program and FAQ**: If you would like to learn more about the Community-Based Bachelor of Education Program (University of Calgary and NLC).
 - b. **University Studies and College and Career Preparation Courses**: (e.g., 1st column: term; 4th column: prerequisite; 5th column: NLC programs that require US courses; 6th column: course codes from the University of Calgary).
6. Click on any of the above files you are looking for.

Application and Enrollment in Courses

Returning students	Returning students wanting to continue their NLC courses from the 2024-2025 to the 2025-2026 academic years (e.g., to enroll in summer and/or fall courses) can complete the Returning Student* Application (NLC RO199) that is only available through the coordinator . *Students who have not interrupted their studies or those who have only missed up to TWO terms.
New students	New students can apply to the 2025-2026 University Studies academic year, complete all the admission requirements, and pay the commitment fee before enrolling in courses.
All students	All students must pay the \$100 commitment fee before enrolling in courses that goes towards the tuition. For more information, see the admissions steps .

Once students have been **ACCEPTED** in the desired University Studies academic year, they can **enroll in courses** by completing the **online enrollment form** referenced in the welcome email sent by the [coordinator](#). For more information, please contact the Coordinator of [University Studies \(US\)](#), Dr. [Lili Jardine](#).