

# Adult Education

## BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN ADULT EDUCATION

### What is the Bachelor of Arts in Adult Education?

This degree is a unique mid-career professional development program for people who are instructing, administering, developing programs, or providing educational support for adult learners. While the program is equivalent to a four-year degree, you have the option of full-time or part-time study. Most of our students enroll on a part-time basis, taking one or two courses per semester. This program offers students the opportunity to link both practical and theoretical coursework to the challenges they meet in their work setting while enhancing their knowledge, skills, and appreciation of the field of adult education.

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#### WHO STUDIES IN THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM?

Adult educators come from diverse backgrounds. They may be experienced instructors or educational consultants in vocational or industrial programs. Some work in health or recreation where they provide community-based education or adult recreation programs. Adult educators often work in areas of literacy, teaching English as a second language, employment counselling, life skills coaching, and post-secondary education. You will find adult educators active in international education, community service, and performance technology. What they all have in common is their interest in working with adult learners. Most students in the program are working in the field. They enroll to learn more about the rapidly evolving field, gain formal credentials, or prepare for career advancement.



*“The BA Adult Education program provides the context for self-directed and collective learning that sustains meaningful and effective contributions to the adult learning community.”*

— MICHELLE NAKANO,  
BA Adult Education graduate.

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*“I liked the focus on lifelong learning and the fact that we could take what we learned in the classroom and put it into practice in our teaching. The courses were challenging yet rewarding, as I learned about the history and issues relating to adult education in Canada.”*

— DEBORAH PLETT, BA Adult Education, 2006.

## WHY STUDY ADULT EDUCATION AT UFV?

UFV delivers British Columbia’s only undergraduate program in adult education. This degree is one of UFV’s most flexible programs. Although it is designed as a four-year degree, the actual time to complete the degree depends on you. You can tailor your studies to fit your busy schedule — study part time or full time. Your study plan can be flexible because the program:

- offers evening and Saturday classes
- provides online courses on a rotating schedule
- recognizes prior learning, including that from non-traditional settings
- sets the foundation for further professional or graduate studies.

The program has a long track record of success. Since its introduction in 1994, more than 110 students have graduated with the BA degree in Adult Education. Our instructors are experienced, highly knowledgeable, and passionate about the field in which they teach.

At UFV classes are generally small compared to those at other post-secondary institutions and they tend to be interactive and learner-centred. In all courses there are opportunities for students to link theory with their field practices.

## WHAT ARE THE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS?

You must have the equivalent of three years full-time, recent experience in one, or a combination of, the following areas:

- teaching adults
- development of education programs for adults
- counselling/advising adults
- providing educational support services to adult learners
- any other area related to the practice of adult education.

Your field of practice may be acquired through a combination of any previous training, education, employment, and/or volunteer experience.

## CAN I RECEIVE CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING?

Yes. There are a variety of arrangements to recognize your prior learning to meet a portion of the requirements of the degree program. In particular, we work to facilitate the “laddering” of previously earned credentials. Students who have completed formal studies at a recognized public post-secondary institution can transfer up to 90 credits.

So, for example, if you already have an Associate degree, a diploma in Social Services, a nursing designation, some college and university courses, or other academic credentials, you will likely be granted credit toward the degree.

Transfer credits are assessed on the basis of official transcripts, which you should submit to the UFV Admissions and Records office. For information about many other credentials that receive transfer credit, it’s best to consult the program advisor.

## EXAMPLES OF OTHER PROGRAMS RECOGNIZED FOR TRANSFER CREDIT

Program and Location	Maximum allocation
Provincial Instructor’s diploma at VCC	up to 15 credits
Certificate in Adult and Continuing Education at UVIC	up to 24 credits
Native Adult Instructor diploma	up to 15 credits
Teaching ESL certificate at VCC or TWU	up to 31 credits
Diploma in Adult Education at UBC	up to 30 credits
Diploma in Adult Education at VCC	up to 15 credits

Trades qualifications determined by the length of the apprenticeship

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REQUIREMENTS	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
Adult Education courses		
<b>ALL FIVE OF</b>		
ADED 310	Introduction to Adult Education	3
ADED 320	Adult Learning	3
ADED 340	Program Planning	3
ADED 360	Adult Education in the Canadian Context	3
ADED 390	Selecting, Evaluating, and Using Adult Education Research	3
<b>ANY TWO OF</b>		
ADED 405	Diversity in Adult Education Contexts	
ADED 410	Adult Education and Social Change	6
ADED 420	Adult Education in the Global Context	
ADED electives (upper level)	Any ADED courses designated 300-level or higher	9
Any ADED	courses designated 100-level or higher	6
Instructional Design requirement	Courses vary depending on student's teaching backgrounds	9
English/Communications	Post-secondary level courses in English and/or Communications	6
Elective courses — upper level	Courses designated 300-or higher; students are encouraged to select courses other than Adult Education.	15
Elective courses	Courses designated 100-level or higher in areas other than Adult Education. Can include credit for previous studies at UFV or elsewhere	54
<b>Total credits required to graduate</b>		<b>120</b>

## WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

Most UFV courses taken by Adult Education students represent three credits. The BA in Adult Education requires completion of 120 credits with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 (C average). Some of the credits must be for required courses, while many can be elective courses.

This degree program is very flexible in terms of your elective requirements, so you may tailor the elective course selection to meet your personal interests. However, you may find that your previous studies only partially satisfy this aspect of the program and we encourage you to mix both adult education and elective courses from other areas of study. Of the 120 credits required for graduation, a minimum of 30 credits must be from UFV credit offerings and at least 45 must be from upper-level courses.

## HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

You can get a breakdown on UFV tuition and other fee details through UFV's Fees and Other Expenses web page by following the links at [www.ufv.ca/aded](http://www.ufv.ca/aded). You should budget \$60–\$100 per course for resource materials such as textbooks, although this amount can be much higher for courses in the sciences and other areas.

It's worth a visit to UFV's Financial Aid and Awards office, which facilitates the disbursement each year of about \$12 million in federal and provincial student loans, grants, bursaries, scholarships, and awards to UFV students. A helpful budget planning worksheet is available online at [www.ufv.ca/fineaid/budget](http://www.ufv.ca/fineaid/budget) I'd like to learn more about this program.

## MAY I SPEAK WITH SOMEONE ABOUT MY OPTIONS?

We highly recommend that you talk with the Adult Education program advisor to determine if this is the program for you. You can contact the program advisor at 604-864-4621 or email [aded@ufv.ca](mailto:aded@ufv.ca). You'll find more detailed information about this degree program on the Adult Education website at [www.ufv.ca/aded](http://www.ufv.ca/aded).

## I'M INTERESTED. WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

Consult our online calendar at [www.ufv.ca/calendar](http://www.ufv.ca/calendar) and review the BA Adult Education section carefully. You can download an application form then submit it, along with any required documents and the \$45 application fee, to the Admissions and Records office at any UFV campus or centre or transmit it through the internet at [www.pas.bc.ca](http://www.pas.bc.ca).

Along with the application form, you must attach your resumé and a completed questionnaire that outlines your work experience, prior training and education, and learning goals. You can get a copy of the questionnaire from the BA in Adult Education website at [www.ufv.ca/aded/forms](http://www.ufv.ca/aded/forms). We'll also need official transcripts from every post-secondary institution you've attended and proof of any previously earned trades qualifications, certificates or diplomas. These official transcripts do not need to be included with your initial application.

## WHAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE IS THERE TO HELP ME ADJUST?

Please visit [www.ufv.ca/student-services](http://www.ufv.ca/student-services) to learn about the broad range of services designed to help you learn about and adjust to the university environment.



The information contained in this document is subject to change. Please refer to [www.ufv.ca/aded](http://www.ufv.ca/aded) for up-to-date information. UFV reserves the right to cancel courses and programs.



## About UFV

Nestled in the beautiful Fraser Valley just east of Vancouver, in B.C., UFV is a fully accredited, public university that enrolls more than 11,000 students each year. UFV has campuses in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Mission and regional centres in Hope and Agassiz, and a growing presence in Chandigarh, India.

UFV is committed to exceptional post-secondary instruction and a nurturing learning environment. We are large enough to offer variety, yet small enough to offer the personal attention that our students need to thrive. Our small class sizes and focus on teaching allow our students to get to know their instructors and learn in a hands-on setting.

We offer more than 80 programs, including 13 bachelor's degrees, a master's degree, and more than a dozen trades and technology programs. We believe that anyone who wants to go to university should be given the chance, so our admission policies are flexible, and we provide university prep courses and high school completion options. There are many options for learning: full-time, in class, online, as part of a structured program or one tailored specifically to your interests.

Many of our programs "ladder" into one another, allowing students to keep their options open. Our international programming makes for a culturally diverse student body and great opportunities to study abroad, while our continuing studies offerings make learning a lifelong experience.

UFV is recognized nationally for student success, an excellent learning environment, creative integration of programming, and our work with our local communities.

Get to know us better at [www.ufv.ca](http://www.ufv.ca).

