



Adult Graduation Program Requirements

ELIGIBILITY

To complete the Adult Graduation Program, students (18 or older) must earn at least 20 credits in the secondary system or complete five courses in the post-secondary system. Courses and credits can be counted from the BC School System and/or the College Adult Basic Education Program.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SCHOOL SYSTEM QUALIFYING COURSES		COLLEGE OR ABE PROGRAM QUALIFYING COURSES	
a Language Arts 12* course	4-credit course	OR	a provincial or post-secondary level English course
	AND		
a Mathematics 11 or 12** course	4-credit course	OR	an advanced or provincial or post-secondary level Mathematics course
AND EITHER			
Option 1			
Three 4-credit Grade 12-level Ministry-Authorized courses, including External Credential Courses	12 credits	OR	three additional courses at the provincial or post-secondary level
OR			
Option 2			
Social Studies 11, BC First Nations Studies 12, or Civic Studies 11 (4 credits each)	12 credits	OR	advanced Social Sciences and two provincial or post-secondary level courses
AND			
Two 4-credit Grade 12-level Ministry Authorized courses, including External Credential Courses			
Total: 20 credits		Total: 5 courses	

* Please refer to the online Course Registry at:



www.bced.gov.bc.ca/datacollections/course_registry_web_search/ for a list of courses that satisfy the Mathematics and Language Arts requirements for the Adult Graduation Program. Those courses that meet the Language Arts 12 and Mathematics 11 or 12 requirements of the 2004 Graduation Program also satisfy these Adult Graduation Program requirements.

** Accounting 11 and 12, and Financial Accounting 12, continue to satisfy the Mathematics requirement in the Adult Graduation Program.



STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A student must be 18 years or older to gain entry to the Adult Graduation Program. This age requirement is the minimum age a student may begin, not end, their courses for the Adult Graduation Program. Under no circumstances will a 17-year-old be allowed to enter the Adult Graduation Program.
- Students should not be moved from the regular 2004 Graduation Program to the Adult Graduation Program while courses are in progress.
- Students who have done the majority of the work or completed a provincially examinable course prior to turning 18 but did not write the required exam cannot use the course mark alone toward the Adult Graduation Program.

COURSE ELIGIBILITY AND INFORMATION

- An Adult Graduation Program student may receive credit toward an Adult Graduation Certificate for no more than two qualifying courses completed while in the regular graduation program. This means that the student must receive credit for at least three of the qualifying courses needed to meet Adult Graduation Program requirements after enrolling in the Program. These three or more qualifying courses can either be completed through course work taken while in the Program, or obtained through Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) that recognizes knowledge and skills acquired as an adult.
- PLA is a process that enables students to gain recognition and credit for what they already know and can do. PLA Assessment requires documentation and may be based on a portfolio of evidence, projects and assignments, program evaluations, demonstration, oral questioning and/or course challenge. Additional information concerning PLA can be found in the Equivalency Through Prior Learning Assessment section in Chapter 2 of this Handbook.
- Board/Authority Authorized and Independent Directed Studies courses do not count toward the minimum five courses required in the Adult Graduation Program.
- Provincial exams are optional in the Adult Graduation Program. This is program-specific, not adult-specific. Therefore, adults working on the regular graduation program will still need to write any provincial exams attached to courses they are taking.
- If a student on the Adult Graduation Program has opted to not write the provincial examination for a course, the course is to be reported as a non-examinable course with a Q code; e.g., EN 12 is to be reported as QEN 12, COM 12 as QCOM 12; etc.

NOTE: A student must receive credit for at least three of the qualifying courses needed to meet Adult Graduation Program requirements after enrolling in the Program.

