



M.Ed. in Counselling Psychology (VRC1)

(Focus Vocational Rehabilitation Counselling)



Blended | Part-time | 3 years
Beginning July 2018

Information Session: January 18, 2018, 5:30 -7:00PM (PST), F2F and Online

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VRC1 Information Session | Agenda

- Introduction
- Applications & Admissions Overview
- Q&A



PDCE's Role

- To provide administrative support for cohort students, such as application processing, and automatic registration in core (or required) courses.
- **Administration Questions for M.Ed. in Counselling Psychology** | Contact me
- **Academic Advisor** | Dr. Izabela Schultz
- The **degree title** is Master of Education in Counselling Psychology. This is a 3-year degree, blended (online and on-campus), part-time and a 48-credit program.



Admission Requirements

- A completed **4-year undergraduate degree** with an average of B+ (76% at UBC) in all senior-level courses.
 - ***Note:** If your GPA does not meet the above criteria, the Admissions Committee may submit a *special case rationale* to recommend you for admission to the Faculty of Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies.
- **Two official sealed transcripts** are required from ALL post-secondary institutions attended *with the exception of UBC*. One transcript will be uploaded (**front and back in a single file**) to the application and the other one should remain sealed.
- ***If you get accepted to the program** then, the second transcript will have to be sent to the Faculty of Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies.



Online Application Procedures – Uploading transcripts

TRANSCRIPT KEY

Simon Fraser was established by the Universities Act (British Columbia) 1963. The University is a member of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and the Association of Commonwealth Universities

ACADEMIC SESSIONS

The University operates under the trimester system consisting of three regular terms within the twelve month calendar year.

UNDERGRADUATE GRADING SYSTEM

- Units are granted for A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D, P, AE, CC, CR. No units are granted for AU, CF, CN, DE, F, IP, N, W.
- The term grade point average is computed by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the total number of term units attempted in the term, with the exception of those term units assigned to courses with a final grade of AE, AU, CC, CR, DE, P or W. The definition of the grade C- was changed to "marginal performance" effective the Fall term 1991.
- The cumulative grade point average (CGPA) expresses average performance for terms completed and is closed at the term a degree or diploma is awarded. The calculation of a new CGPA will commence with the term following the award of a degree or diploma. The average is computed by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the total number of term units undertaken toward a degree or diploma. The CGPA calculated for terms completed prior to the Fall term 1979 includes duplicate courses.
- DE, FX, GN, WD and WE notations are not grades and do not affect the grade point averages. WD identifies a course dropped during weeks 4 and 5 of a term and week 2 of Intercession and Summer Session. WE identifies a course dropped under extenuating circumstances during week 4 through week 12 of a term and week 2 through week 6 of Intercession and Summer Session. WD and WE notations were introduced effective Fall term 1983. GN may be used when circumstances beyond the University's control make it impossible for a grade to be assigned.

GRADUATE STUDIES GRADING SYSTEM

- Credit is granted for A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, S. No credit is granted for AU, DE, F, IP, N, U.
- An S/U (Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory) grade may be used for a designated course.
- An IP (In Progress) notation is entered when a student is working on a thesis, extended essay, or a project; the notation CO is entered when the work is complete. These are not given designations of "distinction".
- DE, S, U, IP, and CO notations are not included in the calculation of the grade point average.
- An N grade will be assigned when receipt of the grade has not been deferred and no grade has

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THE SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE GRADING SCALE				
Grade	Definition	Numerical Equivalent		
		Fall 2003	Fall 1979	Before Fall 1979
A+	Excellent performance	4.33	4.33	4.00
A		4.00	4.00	4.00
A-		3.67	3.67	4.00
B+	Good performance	3.33	3.33	3.00
B		3.00	3.00	3.00
B-		2.67	2.67	3.00
C+	Satisfactory performance	2.33	2.33	2.00
C		2.00	2.00	2.00
C-	Marginal performance (See note #2)	1.67	1.67	2.00
D		1.00	1.00	1.00
F	Unsatisfactory performance (fail)	0.00	0.00	0.00
P	Satisfactory performance or better (pass, ungraded)	no equivalent	no equivalent	no equivalent
AE	Acrotal standing, compassionate pass	no equivalent	no equivalent	no equivalent
AU	Audit	no equivalent	no equivalent	no equivalent
CC	Course challenge	no equivalent	no equivalent	no equivalent
CF	Course challenge fail	no equivalent	no equivalent	no equivalent
CN	Did not complete challenge	no equivalent	no equivalent	no equivalent
CR	Credit without grade	no equivalent	no equivalent	no equivalent
DE	Deferred grade	no equivalent	0.00	0.00
FX	Formal exchange	no equivalent	no equivalent	no equivalent
GN	Grade not reported	no equivalent	no equivalent	no equivalent
IP	In progress	no equivalent	no equivalent	no equivalent
N	Did not write final exam or otherwise complete course	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	Withdrawn	no equivalent	no equivalent	no equivalent
WD	Withdrawal	no equivalent	no equivalent	no equivalent
WE	Withdrawal under extenuating circumstances	no equivalent	no equivalent	no equivalent

Admission Requirements (cont'd)

- A **600-word statement of career aspirations**, indicating how you think this program (along with your current education and experience) can help you achieve them. Includes your reasons of interest, training, volunteer work, personal experience.
- A **resume** (includes your education, employment history, volunteer work with people, etc.). Examples: work at a crisis center, work with underprivileged children, intervention, testing,...)
- **Three letters of reference (One academic and two professional)** - Three recommendations from educators, administrators or clinicians that speak to your engagement with disability issues, counselling and rehabilitation, chronic illness.

*We strongly recommend that references be submitted electronically. Use **e-references** through secure online application to expedite reference letters. (*Note: If referees choose to mail reference letters then, the letters must be sealed and the flap of the envelope signed).





Admission Requirements (cont'd)

- You are encouraged to submit **additional information** regarding professional or volunteer employment experience, publications, or awards which you feel should be taken into account in considering your application. If you have been out of university for more than two years, this information is mandatory.
- Submit the **Supplemental form** with your application. It is in the application form.

Supplementary form for the Master's Application
 Counselling Psychology focus on Vocational Rehabilitation Counselling (VRC1)
 Department of Education and Counselling Psychology, and Special Education, UBC

Name:		Previous Surname:
Address:		Phone (h):
	Code:	Phone (w):
Email:		Cell Phone:

Please Note: You must upload this supplementary form to your online application.

If you have the **UBC student number**, please put down the UBC student number _____

If you **do not** have the UBC student number, please put down your on-line application number _____

Have you ever applied for admission to the Masters of Education program in the area of focus Vocational Rehabilitation Counselling:

Yes No

If Yes, State the Year (most recent) _____

1. Academic degrees earned:

Degree	Date conferred	Major	Institution

Admission Requirements (cont'd)

Prerequisite courses:

1. CNPS 362 – Basic Interviewing Skills (**must have completed before applying to the program** – taken within the last 5 years)
2. CNPS 363 – Career Counselling
3. CNPS 365 – Intro to Theories of Counselling
4. *A Learning course* (classroom learning; a cognitive course; a teaching and learning course; or a cognitive development course)
5. *An Abnormal Psychology course* (special needs, gifted or behaviour courses)

**Course equivalency information can be found on the program website:*

<http://ecps.educ.ubc.ca/counselling-psychology/application-info/approved-prerequisites/>

- Cost of prerequisites, approximately \$500.00.
- Please fill out the **supplementary form** found on the program website and upload it to your application.

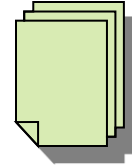


Admission Requirements - English Language Proficiency Standards

Applicants who have graduated from a university outside Canada in which English is not the primary language of instruction must provide results of an English language proficiency examination as part of their application. Tests must have been taken **within the last 24 months** at the time of submission of your application. If this applies to you, please contact me.

- **TOEFL** - Test of English as a Foreign Language, **90** for the internet-based exam (with minimum component scores of 22 [reading, listening] and 21 [writing, speaking]) or 55 each for reading, listening, and writing in the paper-based test, with 4.0 on the Test of Written English (TWE).
- **IELTS** - International English Language Testing System. A minimum overall band score of **6.5** is required with a minimum score of **6.0 in each component** of the academic (NOT general) IELTS test.

Online Application Procedures- Recap



- Application instructions are found on the online application (grad.ubc.ca/apply/online/) and on the program website, pdce.educ.ubc.ca/vrc1.
- You can **upload your transcripts (front and back in a single file)**, **statement of intent, resume, degree certificates** (if applicable), and English Language Assessment report (if applicable).
- ****If you are admitted***, you will be asked to provide one official, sealed transcript from each institution you have attended (with the exception of UBC) to the Faculty of Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies. Instructions will be provided on the Offer Letter.

Application Deadline



- The application is available.
- **Application Deadline:** January 31, 2018 (includes ALL supporting documents)
- Application fee: \$100.00 domestic applications
- We will not be admitting international students.



Fees | Program Tuition (Part-time degree)

- **Domestic Degree Cost:** \$25,153.46 (tuition only)
- **Domestic Installment amount:** \$2,794.83 (tuition only)
- Payable over **9 installments** (one for each term of your program)
- UBC has three (3) terms per year (payments in Jan., May, and Sept.)
- Tuition is charged as a whole program fee; it is *not* assessed on a per credit basis.
- UBC reserves the right to raise fees, usually once a year, about 2%.

***Note:** There is NO funding, bursaries, scholarships, grants or loans at UBC for part-time Master of Education programs.

Student Fees

- Student fees are charged in addition to tuition, and vary from term to term. Budget for approximately \$400.00/term.
- Medical/Dental Plan – currently \$232.49/year (charged in September only), with opt-out provision available. It is not charged in the summer terms.

Compass Card:

- Applies to those that live in the Greater Vancouver area.
- Allows you to travel in 3-zones on public transit.
- Cost: \$164.00/term
- ***Fee exemptions*** possible for those that live out of the Greater Vancouver area or out-of-province or outside the country if you are not taking a course or clinic at UBC or in the Vancouver Lower Mainland.



Teacher Education Certificates

This is directed to teachers in the Vancouver lower mainland that have taken UBC students in their classrooms as student teachers. If this applies to you, please contact the Teacher Education Office at teacher.ed@ubc.ca.



Questions

- *Contact me by phone or email with any questions, concerns, feedback or comments.*
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