M.Ed. in Counselling Psychology (VRC1)
(Focus Vocational Rehabilitation Counselling)

Blended | Part-time | 3 years
Beginning July 2018

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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
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.
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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