



Career Education Curriculum and The Graduation Program: November 2019 Update

Career Education and the Graduation Program

- 8-credits of Career Education with flexible delivery options and a Capstone Project.
- Career Life Education (CLE) – 4 credits
- Career Life Connections (CLC) – 4 credits
 - Career-life Explorations 30 hours or more
 - A Capstone Project
- CLE and CLC receive a percentage and a letter grade.
- CLE and CLC courses have been developed with the intent that they will be offered as enrolled courses within the timetable.

The Graduation Program – At a Glance

To graduate on the B.C Graduation Program 2018 students require at least 80 credits total.

Of these 80 credits:

- At least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a required Language Arts 12 and Career-Life Connections.
- At least 28 credits must be elective course credits
- 52 credits are required from the following:
 - Two Career Education courses (8 credits total)
 - Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits)
 - Science 10 (4 credits), and a Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)
 - Social Studies 10 (4 credits), and a Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits)
 - A Math 10 (4 credits), and a Math 11 or 12 (4 credits)
 - A Language Arts 10, 11 & 12 (12 credits total)
 - An Arts Education 10, 11, or 12 and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits total)
 - An Indigenous-Focused coursework (4 credits)

In addition, students on the B.C. Graduation Program **must** also complete graduation assessments aligned with the redesigned curriculum in literacy and in numeracy

- The Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment was introduced in 2018
- The Grade 10 Literacy Assessment was introduced in 2019/20
- The Grade 12 Literacy Assessment will be introduced in 2020/21



Clarifications: Career-Life Explorations

Career - Life Exploration (30 hours or more) may take place before or during CLC. Note: students are expected to “engage in, reflect on, and evaluate career-life exploration,” and this experiential learning is “intended to expand and/or deepen student exposure to career-life possibilities” as per the CLC curriculum.

The following **can** satisfy the career-life exploration requirement provided it connects to student-developed, targeted learning goals in support of their lifelong learning journey.

- Prior paid and unpaid work experience/volunteerism/community service. Students must provide verification that WorkSafeBC Coverage was provided.
- Completion of Work Experience 12A or 12B, or Industry Trade Authority (ITA)-related programs such as Youth Work in Trades 11 or 12
- Learning completed to earn credits for Workforce Training Certificates 12
- Service-learning opportunities, both teacher-arranged and/or student arranged, both within the school environment and out in the community. WorkSafeBC coverage as “workers of the crown” is provided when all requirements are met as outlined in the [Career-Life Connections and WorkSafeBC Coverage Policy](#).

Note: Workforce Training Certificates 12 **does not** satisfy requirements for the career-life explorations.

The BC Adult Dogwood and Career Education

To graduate with a BCAGD or Adult Dogwood, students must have an English, Communications or First Peoples English 12 (or higher), a Math 11 and at least three additional Grade 12 electives or Socials 11 and two additional Grade 12 electives. Courses and credits can be counted from either or both of the public secondary and post-secondary systems.

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- CLE 12 and CLC 12 can both be used as two separate grade 12 electives (Adult Dogwood only)
- CLE can be reported as CLE 12 and is a single 4-credit course.
- CLC can be reported as CLC 12 and is a single 4-credit course.

References

BC Ministry of Education, [Career-Life Education and Career-Life Connections in the Graduation Years – Questions and Answers](#) (2019).

BC Ministry of Education, [Graduation Program Policy Guide](#) (2022)

BC Ministry of Education, [Graduation Program Implementation Guide](#) (2019)

BC Ministry of Education, [Handbook of Procedures](#) (2022)