

PLACE AND NATURE-BASED EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Vancouver



Graduate Diploma in Education, Vancouver – September 2019

IS THIS PROGRAM FOR ME?

If you are an elementary or secondary teacher looking to deepen your understanding and practice in relation to place and nature-based learning, this program is for you.

PROGRAM THEMES

- Examine your values, beliefs, and experiences relating to place and nature-based learning as well as how these may influence educational decisions and interactions
- Critically examine current directions in BC education through the perspective of place and nature-based experiential learning and explore implications for practice
- Learn from Indigenous worldviews and perspectives and how these can inform relationship with place and practice
- Integrate place and nature-based experiential learning across subject areas in the context of individual and collective practice
- Explore theories and principles of place and nature-based experiential learning and its place within educational change
- Engage in teacher inquiry and reflective practice stemming from encounters with place and relationships with the natural world

PROGRAM DESIGN

Courses explore different approaches to teaching and learning while examining the research, theories and pedagogical principles on which effective educational practices are based.

Field Studies provide an opportunity for you to develop an inquiry plan around a question or issue of particular importance to you. You will implement this plan in your educational setting and critically reflect on growth and changes in your practice. Field studies are supported by an experienced mentor, and you will meet regularly in small study groups.

Assessment and Evaluation are the means for you to synthesize and self-assess your learning. You will develop and maintain a portfolio throughout the program that will be shared with peers and mentors and evaluated on a satisfactory / unsatisfactory basis.

AT A GLANCE

- Start:** Fall 2019 (September)
Apply from: March 22, 2019
Apply by: July 26, 2019
Location: Vancouver, BC
Length: 2 years (6 consecutive terms)

Developed by SFU's Faculty of Education in partnership with School District #39, Vancouver.

TQS UPGRADE

Complete this 30 unit program to move from TQS category 4 to category 5 or from category 5 to 5+.

QUESTIONS

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INFORMATION SESSIONS

RSVP

Date	Time	Location
Wed, Apr 17	3:30–4:30 PM	at Windermere Secondary, Library, 3155 E. 27th Ave. Vancouver
Tue, Apr 23	3:30–4:30 PM	at Vancouver School Board (VSB) Education Centre, Room 182, 1580 W Broadway, Vancouver
Wed, May 8	3:30–4:30 PM	at Churchill Secondary, Conference Room A119, 7055 Heather Street Vancouver
Tue, May 14	3:30–4:30 PM	at Selkirk Elementary, Classroom 002, 1750 E 22nd Ave, Vancouver
Tue, May 21	3:45–4:45 PM	at Queen Mary Elementary, Library, 2000 Trimble St. Vancouver
Wed, May 22	3:30–4:30 PM	at Point Grey Secondary, Library, 5350 East Boulevard, Vancouver

Information Sessions are open to everyone interested in learning more about Place and Nature-Based Experiential Learning.

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