

Health Career Access Program – Mental Health and Substance Use: Post-Secondary Institution Pre-Requisites

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This document sets out the certificate pre-requisites for the post-secondary institutions participating in the Health Career Access Program – Mental Health and Substance Use pathway.

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For more information please visit: [Mental Health and Substance Use - Certificate | Selkirk College](#)

Admission requirements

- B.C. high school graduate or equivalent or
- Academic mature student category: 19 years or older at the start of the student's first academic term

and

- English Studies 12 or equivalent with a minimum of 60% (C grade) or higher

Pre-practicum requirements

The following will be required:

- If required by the practicum, applicants must be able to demonstrate compliance with orders from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer with respect to vaccine requirements
- [Criminal record check](#) with the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

English 12 equivalency

Selkirk College's admission policy defines English 12 equivalency as one of the following:

- Grade 12 level English (English First People's 12, Composition 12, Creative writing 12, New media 12, literary studies 12, Spoken language 12)
- Adult Dogwood Diploma
- Selkirk's ENGL 60 or ENGL 66
- High school English 12 completed out-of-province

Applicants whose first language is not English or those who have received their primary education in a language other than English are required to provide proof of English language proficiency in one of the following ways:

- Completion of B.C. English 12 with a minimum final grade of C+ at an English curriculum secondary school where English is the primary language
- Completion of International Baccalaureate (IB) English Language A (higher level) with a minimum grade of 3 or C
- Completion of the Advanced 4 and 5 (or equivalent) of the Selkirk College English Language Program with a minimum average of C+ (60%) in core subjects and provincial level English 51, with at least a C+ grade
- Submission of an Official TOEFL score of 213 (CBT), or TOEFL (IBT) score of 79-80, or TOEFL (PBT) score of 550, or better
- Submission of an IELTS score of at least 6.0 overall with no band score less than 5.5
- Submission of an EIKEN grade Pre -1

- Submission of a Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPIP) academic test result with a minimum score of 4L in each component
- Successful completion of an English language program that is part of the B.C. transfer system or is an officially approved pathway program with Selkirk International and Selkirk College

For more information please visit: [Community Mental Health Worker Certificate Program | Vancouver Island University | Canada \(viu.ca\)](#)

Admission requirements

- B.C. high school graduate or equivalent or
- Previous degree from a recognized post-secondary institution or
- Academic mature student category: 21 years of age or will turn 21 during their first semester

and

- A minimum of 60% (C grade) in either [English 12](#) or
- English First Peoples 12 or
- English 12 or [equivalent](#)

Pre-practicum requirements

Proof of successful completion of the following must be received well in advance of the practicum experience and preferably before the program starts:

- A completed [Immunization Requirements Form](#)
- Criminal record check: Practicums will require a satisfactory criminal record check prior to placement. Criminal record checks are requested through VIU. The registration centre at VIU will contact prospective students by email regarding the requirements. Criminal record checks are processed through the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General according to the Criminal Records Review Act. A check completed through the RCMP is not sufficient to meet the requirements of the Act.
- Current Standard First Aid with level C CPR
- FOODSAFE certificate

English 12 equivalency

- Acceptable alternatives to English 12 include B.C. First Peoples' English 12, VIU's [ENGL 067](#), [ENGL 068](#), [ESLA 050](#), or [ESLU 051](#) and [ESLU 052](#) (University Preparation 5, also known as AP5)
- Students who do not formally meet this English 12 requirement but who believe they have obtained the necessary level of competency, may write one of the following assessment tests:
 - [ACCUPLACER Next Generation](#) with a minimum score of 260 on the reading comprehension section, a minimum score of 250 on the sentence skills section, and at

least 5 on the WritePlacer section, which considered by VIU to be equivalent to English 12 with a C grade

- Pearson Test of English (PTE) with an overall score of 60 and no score less than 60 in each component, which is considered by VIU to be equivalent to English 12 with a C+ grade
- [Michigan English Language Assessment Battery \(MELAB\)](#) with a score of 81, which is considered by VIU to be equivalent to English 12 with a C+ grade