
ASCEND SE GRAD INFORMATION SESSION

THREE BC GRADUATION QUALIFICATIONS

- ▶ Dogwood Diploma- Awarded to students who successfully complete the provincial graduation requirements.
- ▶ Adult Dogwood- Awarded to students over the age of 18 who take courses as credit towards their adult graduation diploma.
- ▶ Evergreen Certificate- Represents a completion of personal learning goals as identified in the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

DOGWOOD DIPLOMA ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS

English Language Arts	4 credits required (two 2-credit course or one 4-credit course) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Composition 10<input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 10<input type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies 10<input type="checkbox"/> New Media 10<input type="checkbox"/> Spoken Language 10<input type="checkbox"/> EFP Writing 10<input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies 10<input type="checkbox"/> EFP New Media 10<input type="checkbox"/> EFP Spoken Language 10	Choose one 4-credit course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Composition 11<input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 11<input type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies 11<input type="checkbox"/> New Media 11<input type="checkbox"/> Spoken Language<input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies and Writing 11<input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies and New Media 11<input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies and Spoken Language 11	Choose one 4-credit course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> English Studies 12<input type="checkbox"/> English First Peoples 12
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DOGWOOD DIPLOMA MATHEMATICS REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics

Choose one 4-credit course:

- Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-calculus 10
- Workplace Mathematics 10

Choose one 4-credit course: *(Grade 11 or Grade 12)*

- Foundations of Mathematics 11
- Pre-calculus 11
- Workplace Mathematics 11
- History of Mathematics 11
- Computer Science 11
- Foundations of Mathematics 12
- Apprenticeship Mathematics 12
- Pre-calculus 12
- Calculus 12
- Geometry 12
- Statistics 12
- Computer Science 12

DOGWOOD DIPLOMA SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Science	Required 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Science 10	Choose one 4-credit course: <i>(Grade 11 or Grade 12)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Science 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Science for Citizens 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Geology 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Science 12	
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DOGWOOD DIPLOMA SOCIAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS

Social Studies	Required 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 10	Choose one 4-credit course: (<i>Grade 11 or Grade 12</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Explorations in Social Studies 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Francophone History 11	<input type="checkbox"/> BC First Peoples 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Cultures 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative World Religions 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Theory 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Human Geography 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Geography 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century World History 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Genocide Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Political Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Law Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice 12
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DOGWOOD DIPLOMA PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

**Physical
and Health
Education (PHE)**

Required 4-credit course:

- Physical and Health Education 10

DOGWOOD DIPLOMA CAREER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

**Career
Education**

Two required Career Education courses, during Grades 10-12 (8 credits total)

- Career Life Education
- Career Life Connections

Each course may be delivered as two 2-credit courses or one 4-credit course, depending on the school.

DOGWOOD DIPLOMA ARTS EDUCATION/ADST REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ Choose 4 credits in Grade 10, 11 or 12 in Arts Education and/or Applied Design Skills and Technologies.
- ▶ Examples could include: Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts, Food Studies, Culinary Arts, Textiles.

EXTERNAL CREDITS

- ▶ External credits can be awarded with proper documentation for a number of possible courses.
- ▶ Examples of these could include: Cadets, Royal Conservatory Music, Young Drivers, Girl Guides.
- ▶ Please talk to Joshua Schweitzer
jschweitzer@ascendonline.ca for more information regarding these possibilities.

GRAD REQUIREMENTS

PLEASE NOTE

Total: 80 Credits required for Graduation

*Of the 80 credits needed for graduation, at least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a Grade 12 Language Arts course.

EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

Examinations/ Assessments	Requirement:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduation Literacy Assessment (any time in Grades 10, 11, 12; two rewrites possible)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduation Numeracy Assessment (any time in Grades 10, 11, 12; two rewrites possible)

- ▶ New graduation Numeracy and Literacy assessments are now evaluated with a four point provincial proficiency scale (no pass or fail score).
- ▶ Can be taken at any time between Grades 10-12.
- ▶ Are a stand-alone assessment (not tied to a course).
- ▶ Results will appear on student's transcripts and student's best outcome will be recorded on final transcript.

EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

- ▶ Numeracy assessment is currently in place and active.
- ▶ Literacy assessment will start in 2019/20 school year.
- ▶ Current English 12 and Communications 12 students are still required to write the provincial exam until the end of this school year.

ADULT DOGWOOD REQUIREMENTS

BC SECONDARY SCHOOL SYSTEM Qualifying Courses	
A Language Arts 12	4 credits
A Mathematics 11 or 12	4 credits
Three Grade 12 Ministry-authorized Courses (4 credits each) or Social Studies 11 (4 credits) and two Grade 12 Ministry-authorized Courses (4 credits each)	12 credits 12 credits
Total: 20 credits	

ADULT DOGWOOD REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ To be eligible, a student must be 18 years or older.
- ▶ Three courses must be completed after the age of 18.
- ▶ Adult learners are not required to complete the Graduation Numeracy or Literacy assessments.
- ▶ All Ministry Authorized Work Experience 12 or Youth Work in Trades 12 courses can be applied to the Adult Dogwood.
- ▶ For more information on WE or Trades credits, please talk to Dina Fiset-Kinzel dfisetkinzel@ascendonline.ca

EVERGREEN CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ The Evergreen certificate does not represent graduation and therefore is not equivalent to a Dogwood or Adult Dogwood.
- ▶ It represents the completion of personal learning goals as identified in the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- ▶ It is intended to celebrate success in learning and accomplishments of diverse learners.
- ▶ To be eligible, the student must have an IEP and be designated in one of the Ministry of Education's inclusive education categories.

ADAPTATIONS

- ▶ Adaptations can be made to credit courses to accommodate student's diverse learning needs as detailed in their IEP.
- ▶ Examples of adaptations could include adapting the length of assignments or giving additional time for exams.
- ▶ For each credit course, students must be able to demonstrate their learning and that they have met the prescribed learning outcomes and skills.
- ▶ Credit course work cannot be adapted excessively in order to protect the integrity of the course.
- ▶ A credit course adapted excessively then becomes a modified course and the student will not receive credit.
- ▶ Depending on the level of course load reduction, this will be reflected in the student's grade to the teacher's discretion.

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

- ▶ Meeting with SE grad student, family, Caseload manager, and Nicole Filipski, SE grad coordinator nfilipski@ascendonline.ca
- ▶ Grad planning discussion will consist of graduation track options, and course selection for each term.
- ▶ Caseload manager to fill out online SE Grad Course Selection form.
- ▶ SE grad coordinator to review form and give authorization for course enrolment.
- ▶ Student/family enrol in courses using SSDAS login.
- ▶ Courses approved in SSDAS by SE grad coordinator (based on previous discussions).
- ▶ Note: Additional or reduced course requests that were not discussed at the initial meeting, must be approved by SE grad coordinator.
- ▶ Once approved, courses will be available for student access the next day in Moodle.

PLANNING RESOURCES

- ▶ [myBlueprint.ca](https://myblueprint.ca) - Online Education Planner
- ▶ A comprehensive education and career/life planning program with the tools students need to make the most informed decisions about their future.
- ▶ Integrated into Career Life Education 10 course.
- ▶ Students can access myBlueprint with access code 'ascend'.

SE GRAD CONTACT INFORMATION

- ▶ SE Grad Coordinator - Nicole Filipski
nfilipski@ascendonline.ca
- ▶ SE Administrator - John Davies jdavies@ascendonline.ca
- ▶ High School Coordinator, External Credits - Joshua Schweitzer jschweitzer@ascendonline.ca
- ▶ Work Experience and Youth in Trades Credits - Dina Fiset-Kinzel dfisetkinzel@ascendonline.ca