

# Adult Basic Education: Certificate of Completion

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE	START DATE(S)
01-Sep-2011	Varies
ADMISSION TYPE	ENROLMENT TYPE
Continuous intake	Self-paced
PROGRAM TYPE	CREDENTIAL GRANTED
University Preparation	Diploma Certificate of Completion
OFFERED AT	FORMAT
Cloverdale Langley Richmond Surrey	Full-time Part-time
HOW TO APPLY	
www.kwantlen.ca/admission	

## DESCRIPTION

Adult Basic Education will be of interest to those students who wish to:

- Obtain a BC Adult Graduation Diploma (the "Adult Dogwood");
- Obtain a Certificate of Completion in Adult Basic Education;
- Prepare to write the General Education Development (GED) high school equivalency test, the Language Proficiency Index (LPI) test, and other specific program entry tests.
- Upgrade specific skills and knowledge in English (reading, writing, spelling, etc.), math and science;

**ABE courses are tuition free for domestic (Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents).** International students pay the regular rates.

## Course Options

### CLASS FORMAT

Most courses are given in a continuous-entry, individually paced format. Course offerings will vary from campus to campus.

### READING LAB

The reading skills laboratory offers individualized help to acquire reading, vocabulary, and spelling skills at all levels. It is available to all Kwantlen students and may be taken as preparation for, or at the same time as, other university courses.

### DIRECTED STUDIES

Directed studies courses in Math and English are available for students with specific upgrading needs. Course content and requirements for completion are determined by agreement between the individual student and instructor.

## Course Levels

### FUNDAMENTAL LEVEL

Students will benefit from the fundamental level if they have difficulty with basic reading, writing, and math. Completion of

this level prepares students for some trades programs and ABE courses at the Intermediate Level.

### INTERMEDIATE LEVEL (GRADE 10)

Completion of courses at this level prepares students for courses at the Advanced level, for direct entry into many trades and vocational programs, and for the GED.

### ADVANCED LEVEL (GRADE 11)

Completion of courses at the Advanced level prepares students for courses at the Provincial Level. Advanced-level courses may also be used as prerequisites for many other courses at Kwantlen. Completion of Advanced English will normally allow a student to succeed in the LPI test. Advanced level math is a requirement of the Adult Graduation Diploma.

### PROVINCIAL LEVEL (GRADE 12)

Completion of courses at this level prepares students for direct entry into many Kwantlen programs and courses. Provincial level English is a requirement of the Adult Graduation Diploma.

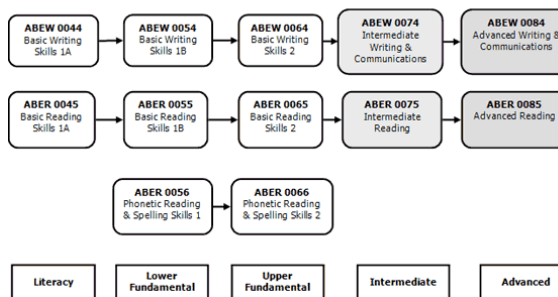
### PROVINCIALY ARTICULATED ABE COURSES

Subject	Fundamental	Intermediate Grade 10	Advanced Grade 11	Provincial Grade 12
English	see Fundamental Pathways	ABEE 0070	ABEE 0081	ABEE 0091 or ABEE 0092
Math	ABEM 0008	ABEM 0010	ABEM 0011	MATH 1112
Science		ABES 0010		ABEB 0012, PHYS 1100, and CHEM 1105

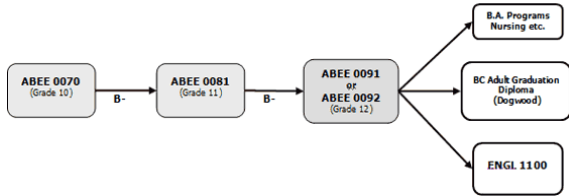
## Pathways

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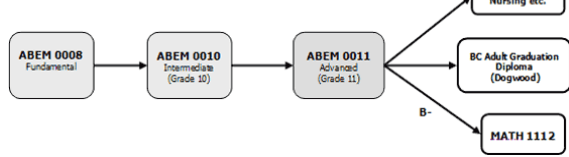
ABE Fundamental Level and Directed Studies English Pathways



**ABE ENGLISH PATHWAY (High-School Equivalent)**



**ABE MATH PATHWAY (High-School Equivalent)**



## PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to Kwantlen's General university admission requirements including the university preparatory-level English Proficiency Requirement, the following program admission requirements apply.

- All applicants, except those referred by instructors, must take assessments in English and math to ensure appropriate placement in the program. Assessments are booked through Student Enrolment Services at 604.599.2000.

## CONTENT

### BC Adult Graduation Diploma

The Ministry of Advanced Education and the Ministry of Education award the BC Adult Graduation Diploma, the "Adult Dogwood", through Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

Diploma requirements available through Kwantlen are:

**English 12 Requirement - one of:**

ABEE 0091	Provincial Level English (English 12)	3 credits
ABEE 0092	Professional And Technical English 12	3 credits

**And Math 11 Requirement:**

ABEM 0011	Advanced Mathematics (Math 11)	3 credits
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**Plus three electives at the Provincial (Grade 12) level or higher**

**Note:** At least three of the five courses must be completed as an adult.

Any 1100 level Kwantlen course worth 3 credits or more may be used as an elective. Prior Learning Assessment of Grade 12 courses taken at BC Secondary Schools may be used to meet any of the requirements for the "Adult Dogwood".

For more information, see the BC Ministry of Education site [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/adult\\_graduation](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/adult_graduation)

## Advanced Certificate of Completion (Grade 11)

**All of:**

**English**

ABEE 0081	Advanced English (Grade 11 equivalent)	3 credits
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**Math**

ABEM 0011	Advanced Mathematics (Math 11)	3 credits
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**Options: Any two of the following:**

ABEB 0011	Advanced Science (Biology 11)	4 credits
ABEB 0012	Provincial Science (Biology 12)	4 credits
ABEP 0011	Introduction to Physics (Physics 11)	4 credits

A language at the grade 11 level or higher

## Intermediate Certificate of Completion (Grade 10)

**All of:**

**English**

ABEE 0070	Intermediate English (English 10)	3 credits
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**Math**

ABEM 0010	Intermediate Mathematics (Math 10)	3 credits
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**Science**

ABES 0010	Intermediate Science (Science 10)	3 credits
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Plus an intermediate level (grade 10 or higher) socials course.

## Fundamental Certificate of Completion

**One of:**

**English**

ABEW 0064	Basic Writing Skills 2	3 credits
ABER 0065	Basic Reading Skills 2	3 credits

**All of:**

**Math**

ABEM 0008	Fundamental Mathematics	no credits
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## OTHER INFORMATION

### Sponsorship/Funding

ABE courses are tuition free. Some sponsorships are available from Human Resources Development Canada. In addition,

students may apply to the ABE Student Assistance Program (ABESAP) for funds to help cover some general expenses.

## **GRADUATION**

Upon successful completion of the BC Adult Graduation option, students are eligible to receive a **BC Adult Graduation Diploma**.

Upon successful completion of the Adult Basic Education option, students are eligible to receive a **Certificate of Completion in Adult Basic Education**.

***This page has been updated to correct a typographical error(s): May 23, 2012.***

***Please contact the Calendar Editor if you require more information.***