

Welcome to the EDAS Information Session

... we'll start in a few minutes ...

Information Session

EDAS Program

for September 2022 Admission



Goals for this session are to:



- Share program information
- Answer your questions
- Get you started on the application and intake process

Right now, you may feel like you are here...



Soon enough, you may find yourself here!



And here ...



Education Assistant Program (EDAS)

- Prepares Education Assistants who will:
 - Work in both secondary & elementary school classrooms
- Support students with a variety of learning and/or developmental differences



Education Assistants

- Work as team members with many different professionals
- Work in a variety of situations
- Support children with a variety of diverse learning needs
- *What does that ***look*** like?*



What would I be doing as an EA?



Learning: Skill
Development
and
Academics



Positive
Behaviour and
Social Support

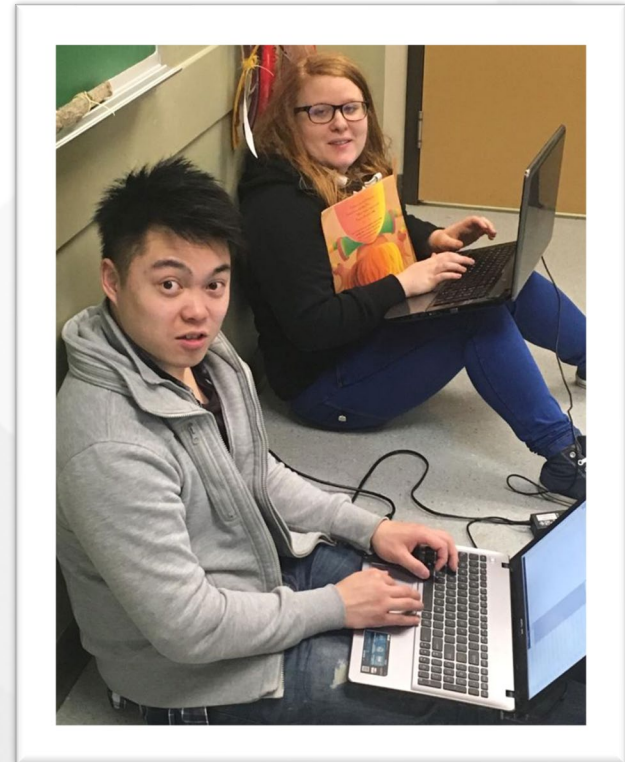


Personal Care
Support

Flexibility Organization Individualized Support

Must be prepared to:

- *Support students in English reading, writing, spelling, grammar*
- Support students with their **academic needs** – this includes curriculum content from Kindergarten through Grade 12



Also, must be prepared to:

**Assist students
in personal care
& medical
support needs**



The work of an EA:

- Increasingly complex
- Involves a high degree of educational decision – making, maturity, balancing multiple tasks and taking responsibility
- Requires people who can be flexible and think on their feet
- And ...



... extremely rewarding ...



Job Situation

- Over 8,240 people working as EAs in the Lower Mainland
 - approximately 17,900 in the province
- On call, fulltime and parttime positions
 - fulltime work approximately 28 – 30 hours
- New employees go on the on-call list first
 - usually working a lot
- Wages for EA positions
 - range from \$22- \$29 per hour



What is the Outlook for KPU EDAS Grads?

According to Student Outcomes research, 94% of grads are working in a related field, primarily as Education Assistants.
(SORS, 2015)

98% identified EDAS as a quality program in terms of “usefulness.”

17% went onto study in other fields (typically teaching or child/youth care worker)

Long-term needs

- Student enrolment in the overall number of children in schools is up and there is an *increasing number* of children requiring support by Education Assistants
- For example: 1/53 children are diagnosed with ASD (1/42 males; 1/189 females—CDC, 2018)
- Check the district(s) in which you want to work for their specific information



The EDAS Program

EDAS Value #1: Inclusion – A social justice issue



“Inclusion, true inclusion of all, will wipe segregation from the face of the earth. We ... can begin by wiping it out of the worlds of the children we teach.”

Gary Bunch, Faculty of Education, York University

Inclusion looks different for everyone



Supporting Belonging



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EDAS Value #2: Learning by Doing



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EDAS Value #3: Supportive & Outcome-Based Learning Environments



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EDAS Value #4: Community



Who are our EDAS Students?







Our EDAS Faculty



EDAS Credential

- University Certificate – 34.5 credits
- Recognized by all districts in Lower Mainland & Fraser Valley, as well as Independent Schools
- EDAS graduates are required to have a high school diploma



For Example...

- Human Service Worker Diplomas & Degree Programs in Child & Youth Care
- Kwantlen's Bachelor of Arts, Major in General Studies as elective credits
- B.A. can be transferred to Teacher Education Programs
- Other pathways to Teacher Education Programs

Course Work Includes

Introduction to Autism

Introduction to Applied
Behavior Analysis (ABA)



Also...

Inclusion

Supportive Learning

K-12 Curriculum

Child and Adolescent Development

Mental Health and Personal Care

Positive Behavior Support

Augmentative and Alternate Communication

Interpersonal Communication

Classroom Management



English Options

- ENGL 1104
 - currently not transferable and cannot be used for B.A. undergraduate requirement
- ENGL 1100
 - transfers to other programs at KPU and other post-secondary institutions
- Note:
 - ENGL 1100 can be taken instead of ENGL 1104
 - can be taken before or during the program (max. of 10 years before graduation)

Part-Time Program

- Classes are fully online
- Practicum is face-to-face in K-12 schools
- Reliable Internet access is a must
- Basic computer skills are a **must** – you don't have to be an expert, but you need to be able to word process, access the internet, and manage your files.



Part-time Program (Fully Online 2022)

- **Two years of study**
 - Yr 1: September through April
 - Yr 2: September through May
- **Tuesday & Thursday evenings**
 - 7:00-9:50 PM
- **Saturdays**
 - 9:00 AM – 2:50 PM (approximately 3 Saturdays/month)
- **Practicum**
 - Two, four-week placements (full-time in schools)
 - Yr 1: April
 - Yr 2: May



Full-time Program (On Langley Campus)

Nine months of full-time study

- September to May
- Mondays through Fridays
- 9:00 AM – 3:20 PM
- Face-to-Face, on campus (Langley)



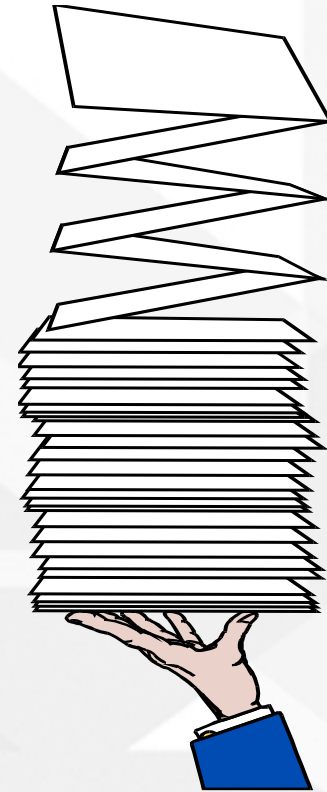
Practicum

- Two, four-week placements (full-time in schools)
 - January/February
 - May

Practicum

- Students must commit to four weeks
- Placement arranged between university and school districts - *students do not arrange*
- If student already working, not guaranteed practicum in work setting

Now for the Admission Process



Admission Requirements

- **English 12** grade of **C+** or equivalent, **Communications 12** grade of **A**
- **100 hours** of volunteer or work experience with children, preferably with children with special needs
- **Two letters** from different people supporting your successful volunteer or paid work experience
 - When submitting your letters, please keep your originals, and give KPU copies
- **Criminal Record Check** issued by the BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (to be requested once an offer of admission has been made)

What is Acceptable Volunteer Work?

Not Acceptable	Good	Ideal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteering with seniors in a care home or otherwise Experience with family members <p><i>Note that hours can be combined to meet the 100 hour requirement: e.g. 40 from one context, 60 from another. Each needs a letter.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daycare/Preschool Working with adults with developmental disabilities (e.g. group home, or 1-1) Coaching sports with minors Childcare/nannying Noon hour Supervision Infant Development programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> **Volunteer in an inclusive classroom** “Special needs” or integrated daycare/preschool Working with children/teens with disabilities in community contexts (e.g. leisure, day camps, summer camps) Peer tutoring Childcare/nannying for a child with a disability Behavior Interventionist work Providing 1-1, respite or after-school care for a child with a disability Fostering a child with a disability Special Olympics coach



What Should the Letter Say?

- Who the person is in relation to you
 - teacher, supervisor, boss
- What you did
 - activities, teaching, support
- How long you worked there
 - length of time and hours



Reference letters

- *Should be as official as possible....
- Letterhead is preferable
- Typed Letters with Signatures (no emails unless there is an 'official', corporate-like signature)

And...



- Attendance at this Info Session
- Your attendance today will satisfy this requirement

FEES



- Application: \$40.00
- Total Cost
 - Approximately \$7,200.00 FT and \$7,400 PT
- Textbooks
 - Approximately \$400.00 per semester
- Confirmation Deposit
 - \$500.00 (applied towards tuition)
- Additional cost to complete Criminal Record Check
 - \$60 (approximately)
 - students must use the form provided by Admissions.

FEES

- Student loans are available for full-time students – see Financial Awards for options
- Student Awards and Financial Assistance (SAFA): www.kpu.ca/awards, [604-599-2700](tel:6045992700)
- Fees are paid by the semester
 - 2 terms for full-time
 - 4 terms for part-time



Application Process

- Apply on-line
 - kpu.ca/apply
- Submit other documents quickly!
 - You don't have to wait until all your requirements are completed to apply!



**Applications open October 1, 2021 for the
September 2022 intake.
The earlier, the better!**

When applying online

- Select:
 - Fall 2022 Semester
 - Undergraduate Category
 - Faculty of Arts
 - » Education Assistant Program

Note: Students who wish to apply to both full-time AND part-time programs will need to submit two separate applications (\$40 each)

Have you done post-secondary coursework which you think may transfer?

- If you have completed post-secondary course work from a public college or university (after grade 12), please provide the name of the college or university, and order transcripts.
- Also, answer “yes,” to the question: ‘Transfer assessment requested.’ *This will automatically trigger an assessment of all your post-secondary courses. If you don’t do this then your option is to submit a transfer credit form available at Admissions.*
- *For example, do you already have:*
 - *First year English?*
 - *Written or Interpersonal Communications?*
 - *Child Development course?*
- *If “yes,” you may qualify for transfer credit.*

Next Steps - Admission Process

- Log into Online Self-Service (kpu.ca/oss) to view your personalized checklist of documents/requirements needed
- Successful applicants are sent admission offers based on date of qualification (when all requirements are met)
- Admission offers may be sent out as early as late January/early February
- <http://www.kpu.ca/admission/now-what>

Paperwork

- Keep the originals of your reference letters for your own file (they cannot be returned)
- Drop copies off at Student Enrolment Services on any of these 3 campuses – Langley, Surrey, Richmond, or mail them to “Admissions, re: EDAS Program”, KPU, 12666 72nd Ave., Surrey, B.C., V3W 2M8
- Official secondary and post-secondary transcripts for all institutions attended must be submitted to KPU Admissions no later than March 1.
- Please see www.kpu.ca/admission/transcripts for more details on how to submit official transcripts.

- High school graduates who have not completed the STS form while in high school, can order an official transcript through the BC Student Transcripts Service
- <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>

Questions?



- Contact: Student Recruitment Coordinator

Future Student's Office

- 604-599-2471
- study@kpu.ca

Accessibility Services

General Inquiries

604.599.2001

access@kpu.ca

At Accessibility Services, they work with students who require personalized plans to ensure access to the university and success in achieving academic goals.

They can help with:

- Accommodations
- Transition from high school
- Applying for disability-related funding
- Getting connected with campus services and supports

Thank You For Coming!

