



DISTRICT PRACTICE 8300 ADULT GRADUATION

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1. To graduate with an Adult Dogwood, students must have:
 - A required Language Arts 12 course
 - A Math 11 or 12 course
 - At least three additional Grade 12 electives, **or** a Grade 11 Socials Studies course and two additional Grade 12 electives
2. Courses and credits can be counted from either or both the public secondary and post-secondary systems.
3. Of the five courses required for the Adult Dogwood, at least three must be completed **after** the adult student has entered the Adult Graduation Program, either through enrolment (instruction) or prior learning assessment. This means that students can receive credit toward the Adult Dogwood for no more than two qualifying courses completed while in the B.C. (school-aged) Graduation Program.
4. Adult students are not required to complete the Graduation Numeracy or Literacy Assessments to graduate with the Adult Dogwood. Adult students should, however, be aware that some post-secondary institutions may require that students write assessments/examinations for admission purposes.
5. Adult students may get credit for current or past work skills or post-secondary training courses by undertaking a Prior Learning Assessment (PLA). Public post-secondary institutions and continuing education centres can help with this step by reviewing past work history to determine if it qualifies for course credit. This will ensure adult students start at a course level that is comfortable for them and/or help them gain the skills needed to successfully complete graduation requirements.
6. Students can also use adult education courses (offered at many colleges and universities), post-secondary courses and ministry authorized courses taken a long time ago.
7. Students cannot receive an Adult Dogwood using only courses completed prior to enrolling in the Adult Graduation Program.
8. The student is responsible to provide all transfer credit information and relevant transcripts from British Columbia high schools and post-secondary institutions in order to verify courses taken and grades received prior to School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) issuing the graduation certificate.

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REFERENCES: [Ministerial Order 302/04](#), the [Graduation Program](#), [British Columbia Adult Graduation Requirements](#)

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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ADULT GRADUATION DIPLOMA (ADULT DOGWOOD)

B.C. Post-Secondary System Qualifying Courses	B.C. Secondary School System Qualifying Courses
A Provincial Level (Grade 12) English or higher OR	A required Language Arts 12 course (English Studies 12, English First Peoples 12, or Francophone equivalent) (4 credits)
An Advanced (Grade 11) or Provincial Level or higher Mathematics* OR	A Mathematics 11 or 12 (4 credits)
Three additional courses at the Provincial Level or higher or Advanced Social Sciences and two Provincial Level courses or higher OR	Three Grade 12 Ministry-Authorized courses (4 credits each) or a Grade 11 Social Studies course (4 credits) and two Grade 12 Ministry-Authorized courses (4 credits each) (12 credits total)
Total: 5 courses	Total: 20 credits

*A student is also able to take and obtain credit towards the Adult Dogwood for both Advanced level and Provincial level (or higher) Mathematics. In the latter case, Mathematics would be one of the electives

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