

COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY MA: PREREQUISITE EQUIVALENCY REQUEST GUIDE

We have developed this guide and list of possible courses to help you identify courses that *may* be accepted as equivalent to the prerequisites ED-D 414, ED-D 417 and ED-D 418, and examples of the other upper-level prerequisites. However, these lists are subject to change and **do not guarantee equivalency**. The final decision about course equivalencies will be made by the Graduate Advisor prior to the Admissions Committee's adjudication of applications to the MA program. [Click here](#) for more information on the application process, including the prerequisites and their completion deadlines.

Do I need to request equivalency?

You must submit an equivalency request for every course that you are using as a prerequisite for an ED-D course (such as CYC courses as equivalent to ED-D 414, ED-D 417 or ED-D 418).

Please note: ED-D 414, ED-D 417 and ED-D 418 (or their equivalents) must have been completed within seven years of the application deadline or they will need to be repeated.

When should I request equivalency?

You may request equivalency for a course before or after you take the course.

You should request equivalency for all ED-D prerequisite courses **before** you submit your online application.

The request process

1. Review the equivalency criteria laid out below for each course. Please **only** submit equivalency requests for courses that meet these requirements (for example, ED-D 417 MUST have at least 70% of the final grade based on assessment of demonstrated skills, ex. through videotaped counselling sessions). If your course does not meet all of the requirements below, it will not be approved and you will have to take a different course.
2. Check that your course is at least 36 instructional hours. Courses must meet the minimum instructional hours in order to be considered equivalent to a UVic course.
3. Send an email to counsadv@uvic.ca before the MA application deadline.
4. In the email, clearly state which prerequisite you are requesting equivalency for, such as "PSYC 101 for ED-D 414."
5. Attach a copy of the **full course syllabus** for the exact term and instructor, including:
 - i. the course title and unit value
 - ii. name of required text(s)
 - iii. information on required assignments and grading
 - iv. a list of weekly topics

6. We will evaluate the course and let you know whether or not it is approved as equivalent. This may take several weeks. Any prerequisites that you do not have equivalent courses for can be taken at UVic as a non-degree undergraduate student (or at another institution if accepted as equivalent).

ED-D 414 Group Processes

UVic calendar description: *Analysis, theory, and research related to group processes, decision-making, and leadership in a variety of settings. Awareness and understanding of self in group contexts. Includes skills practice and development related to group membership and facilitation.*

We want students to have an understanding of basic group dynamics and processes before entering the program. If you have a course that covers topics, then we will likely consider the course equivalent. Courses such as Social Psychology that focus on more “macro-level” groups (e.g., high socioeconomic groups, minority groups, marginalized groups) are *not* considered equivalent.

Institution	Course #	Titles of potentially equivalent courses(not guaranteed)
University of Alberta	PSYCO 405	Group Processes and Intergroup Relations
University of Calgary	SOWK 395	Practice and Evaluation with Groups
Douglas College	CYCC 4468	Advanced Skills with Groups in CYC Organizations
U. of the Fraser Valley	SOWK 301	Social Work Practice with Groups
Kwantlen Polytechnic U.	CNPS 4330	Group Facilitation
Laurentian University	SWRK 3727EL	Social Work with Groups
University of Manitoba	EDUA 5540	Groups in Guidance
MacEwan University	CYCW 204	Group Work
McGill University	EDPC 502 SWRK 321 (was 376A)	Group Processes and Individuals Social Work Practice with Groups
Mount Royal University	CYCC 2216	Group Processes and Counselling Theory
University of Regina	SW 425	Group Work
Vancouver Island University	CYC 265 CYC 475 (was 465)	Intro to Group Work Practice in Professional CYC Advanced Activity based CYC Practice in Groups
University of Victoria	CYC 475	Advanced CYC Practice with Groups and Families

ED-D 417 Skills for Effective Interpersonal Communication

UVic calendar description: *Basic interpersonal communication skills for active listening, empathic understanding and communication of empathy. Includes analysis of effective interpersonal skills and skill building laboratory experience. The content and skills are transferable to a variety of settings, including counselling, education, human development, management, healthcare, psychology and recreation.*

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An upper-level course in abnormal psychology/behaviour disorders

An upper-level course in abnormal psychology/behaviour disorders should cover the diagnostic criteria for most common disorders listed in the current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) or the International Classification of Diseases (ICD). Courses taken before the (a) 2013 or (b) 2014 version of the DSM or ICD will not fully fit these criteria.

Course #	Course Title	Topic Area
ED-D 420		