

From: **Thompson Rivers University (TRU)**
Human Service Worker Diploma (Kamloops)

To: **University of Northern BC (UNBC)**
Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

The following list of course equivalents will appear on the transfer credit summary for students who have successfully completed a **Thompson Rivers University Human Service Worker Diploma in Kamloops** and pursue a **Bachelor of Social Work at UNBC for the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar**.

Information in this handout is unofficial and should be used as a guide only. For questions regarding admission to UNBC or course selection please contact Student Recruitment & Advising at 250-960-6306 or advising@unbc.ca.

NOTE: As per UNBC Undergraduate Calendar Regulation number 14, "Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of upper division UNBC course work to receive a UNBC degree."

TRU Requirement	TRU Course Name	UNBC Equivalence ¹
1st Year		
HUMS 1540	Intro to Interpersonal Communications & Helping Relationships	Part of Block Credit
HUMS 1560	Introduction to the Family in Human Service Practice	Part of Block Credit
HUMS 1580	Introduction to Professional Human Service Practice	Part of Block Credit
HUMS 1600	Field Work Education	Part of Block Credit
HUMS 1770	Intro to First Nations & Human Service Practice	FNST 100-3 [^]
HUMS 2230	Introduction to Mental Health & Substance Use	Part of Block Credit
CYCA 2000	Intro to Professional Foundations of Child & Youth Care	Part of Block Credit
2nd Year		
HUMS 2220	Theoretical Foundations in Human Service Practice	Part of Block Credit
CYCA 2240	Child & Youth Trauma	Part of Block Credit
HUMS 2530	Interpersonal Communication & Helping Relationships	Part of Block Credit
HUMS 2600	Human Service Diploma Practicum	Part of Block Credit
HUMS 3530	Guided Communications	Part of Block Credit
CYCA 2620	Self and Work with Groups	Part of Block Credit
or HUMS 3570 ³	Law and Social Services	SOCW 439-3
SOCW 2060	Introduction to Social Work Practice	SOCW 200-3
SOCW 2120	An Introduction to Social Welfare in Canada	SOCW 201-3

¹ Course equivalencies were determined through the articulation process and are listed on the BC Transfer Guide, www.bctransferguide.ca

Student will need to choose coursework appropriately so as not to receive duplicate Transfer Credit.

² Students will need to pick coursework that transfers to UNBC and that is not Social Work coursework – please use the BC Transfer Guide to determine coursework.

³ Students who take this course will be short 3 credits of Liberal Arts and Sciences. This course may, however, be used to complete a UNBC Degree requirement course

Note: Above based on TRU 2025 Website.

Transfer Credit Breakdown – Admission for the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar:

Total Transferable Credits – 60 credits

Liberal Arts & Sciences^{1^} – 3 credits

Diploma Completion – 57 credits

¹ Students are required to complete a minimum of 48 credit hours of liberal arts and sciences coursework. This breakdown is based on Accreditation and is necessary to obtain a Bachelor of Social Work Degree from UNBC.

[^] This symbol indicates that this course will be counted towards the Liberal Arts & Science credit – 1 course and 3 credits. This number is dependent on what students choose to take as their electives. Course work that transfers to UNBC as SOCW course work is not counted towards the Liberal Arts & Science requirement (For example: SOCW 200-3 & SOCW 201-3 are not counted towards the Liberal Arts & Sciences requirement but are included in the diploma completion credits).

Please note: Completing this diploma will result in being 45 credits short of the Liberal Arts & Sciences admission requirement for UNBC. 39 of these credits will need to be completed prior to you applying for admission to the UNBC Bachelor of Social Work program. The remainder of the credits (6) can be completed while you are working on your UNBC Bachelor of Social Work Degree, these credits **must** be completed before you will be eligible to graduate from UNBC.

Top 10 things you should know and do for a successful, smooth transfer to UNBC:

1. Haven't applied to UNBC and have questions?

Contact futurestudents@unbc.ca or visit <https://unbc4u.unbc.ca>. Our UNBC Recruitment team is happy to answer questions and help you apply to your desired program.

2. Once you have been admitted and have received your Transfer Credit Summary, touch base with your Student Advisor.

Your Student Advisor can help discuss how your transfer credits will be applied towards your UNBC program, any and all resources available to you and ultimately guide you through things you might not know about transferring to UNBC! Don't know who your student Advisor is? Find out here:

<https://www2.unbc.ca/advising/contact>

3. Read carefully through all the details of your Pathway.

We have included many details in this document about multiple aspects of the transfer process. Have a question? Email transfercredit@unbc.ca.

4. Use the BC Transfer Guide!

The BC Transfer Guide (www.bctransferguide.ca) allows you to search how your post-secondary coursework might transfer to UNBC. In conjunction with your pathway/arrangement document, we highly recommend using the BC Transfer Guide to explore how your previous post-secondary courses might transfer to UNBC!

5. Know what 'Academic Calendar' means.

When admitted to UNBC, you are following the program requirements of the Academic Calendar of your admit year. For example, if you are admitted for September 2022, you will be following the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar throughout the entirety of your undergraduate degree. Please ensure you are not simply "Googling" your program requirements, but using the appropriate Academic Calendar by visiting www.unbc.ca/calendar. **To learn more about your academic calendar, touch base with your Student Advisor.**

6. Hold onto your previous institution's course outlines!

It's very possible that you have taken a course that needs to be reviewed. If this is the case, we may ask for course outlines in order to give you the most accurate and up-to-date information. Additionally, if you receive 'UNSP' credit as the course has never been reviewed, you can submit your course outlines to transfercredit@unbc.ca.

7. Understand the terminology!

Not sure what 'UNSP' means? Confused by the course numbering assigned to your transfer credit (ie. 2XX)?

Be sure to visit our Transfer Credit Definitions page to learn more about your transfer credit:

<https://www2.unbc.ca/registrar/transfer-credit-definitions>

8. Be Patient!

Great things take time. Similarly, it can take up to 6 weeks for courses to be articulated once you have submitted course outlines.

9. Understand your Degree Evaluation!

Your Degree Evaluation is available once course registration opens/is open for your first semester at UNBC. Your degree evaluation organizes your course work for you, showing you how your transfer credit is being use and can help you track your progress to graduation.

<https://www2.unbc.ca/advising/understanding-your-degree-evaluation>

10. Want to find out how many courses you have remaining to complete a Bachelor degree?

Completing a two-year diploma program does not automatically mean that you will only have 2 years remaining of a Bachelor's degree. Remaining coursework is very subjective as each transfer student might have taken different courses. This means that it is very possible that you may have to take first year courses at UNBC. For a smooth transfer into the program, we highly recommend completing any courses listed under the 'Recommended Courses to take' section of the pathway if applicable. Contact your Student Advisor for more information!

Questions? Here's who to contact:

Admissions – admissions@unbc.ca

Transfer Credit – transfercredit@unbc.ca

Degree Evaluation and Advising Questions:

- Find out who your Advisor is: <https://www2.unbc.ca/advising/contact>
- Then reach out and send them an email!

We are looking forward to seeing you at UNBC!