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## Questions & Answers - Adult Graduation Diploma Program (Adult Dogwood)

**Q. Can students transfer from the Adult Graduation Program to the Credit-Based Graduation Program, and vice versa?**

**A.** Yes. Until graduation credentials have been issued, a student can transfer from one program to the other. Program participation should be indicated in a data transfer or on a *Student Registration and First Submission of Grades Form*. However, a student must be 18 or older or have the principal's approval to enroll in the Adult Graduation Program (see Student Eligibility Requirements in the Handbook of Procedures for the Graduation Program).

**Q. Do Graduation Program policies such as Challenge, Equivalency and Independent Directed Studies apply to the Adult Graduation Diploma?**

**A.** The Challenge and Equivalency policies apply. Schools are encouraged to use the Equivalency Policy to conduct Prior Learning Assessments (PLA) for adult students and to assign as many credits through equivalency as can be warranted by documentation, professional judgment and sound education practice. The Independent Directed Studies policy does not apply.

**Q. Is there another course adult students can take now that CAPPA12 is closed?**

**A.** Yes, Planning 12 is a new course that will allow adult students to take Planning 10 as a Grade 12 elective. (Note that if schools decide to re-report a PLAN 10 course with the PLAN 12 Adult Grad course code, they must use the completion date of the PLAN 10 course.).

**Q. Can an adult student work on obtaining an Adult Dogwood if they have already received a GED, a School Completion or Evergreen Certificate?**

**A.** Yes, since the GED and School Completion/Evergreen certificates do not meet our provincial graduation standards and are therefore not official graduation documents, students can still work on either the BC Certificate of Graduation (the Dogwood) or the Adult Graduation certificate (the Adult Dogwood) if they have already received a GED or Evergreen certificate.

**Q. Can a student use courses completed several years ago toward his or her Adult Dogwood?**

**A.** Yes. As long as an adult student completes three courses (directly, or through PLA) after enrolling in the Adult Graduation Program, courses completed in the past may be applied toward his or her Adult Dogwood requirements.

**Q. Can a student receive credit for Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses toward his or her Adult Dogwood?**

**A.** No. BAA courses do not count for credit toward the Adult Dogwood. Only four credit Grade 12-level Ministry Authorized courses, including External Credential Courses, are allowed.

**Q. Can shop or trades courses be applied to the Adult Graduation Diploma?**

**A.** BAA courses, including BAA-designated shop or trades courses, are not eligible for credit towards the Adult Graduation Diploma. The following shop or trades courses can be applied to the Adult Graduation Diploma:

1. Ministry-Developed Grade 12-level shop or trades courses listed in the online Course Registry (e.g., Automotive Technology, Carpentry and Joinery). Certain "Industry Training" courses are intended for youth (defined as under the age of 20) who are registered with the Industry Training Authority (ITA) in an Accelerated Credit Enrolment in Industry Training (ACE IT) program. An Adult Graduation Program student can take these courses without registering with the ITA, and can receive Adult Graduation Program credit for them, but there is no ITA ACE IT funding for the student (as there may be for youth taking these courses).
2. PSI courses taken at one of the post-secondary institutions listed in Chapter 2.
3. Courses for which the Adult Graduation Program student has received equivalent credit through prior learning assessment. See the Equivalency sectionof Chapter 2 for further information.

**Q. What do you do if an adult student lacks the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully complete the Grade 11 or 12, or college or ABE, level courses needed to meet Adult Graduation Program requirements?**

**A.** The Literacy Foundations (LF) Curriculum is designed to enable an adult student to acquire the knowledge and skills in five content areas (English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Information and Communications Technology) that will prepare them for success in meeting the requirements of either the Adult Graduation Program or the 2004 Graduation Program. LF courses are non-credit, bridging courses.