

The 2017-2018 PSSSP National Guidelines outline 3 factors for consideration in determining eligibility: Student, institution and program eligibility. It's usually at the program level where we run into issues as the program entrance requirements **must include completion of secondary school studies or equivalent** and be one academic year in duration. Program eligibility is normally considered based on what the PSE institutions outline on their websites for entrance requirements.

In 2017-2018, BC Region Education Programs outlined the following as an "interpretation" of the National Guidelines criteria for program entrance requirements.

*The institute's program entrance requirements must outline the completion of secondary studies **or** equivalent. The following definitions will be used.*

- *completion of secondary studies - having completed Grade 12 or having a Grade 12 Graduation Certificate (BC Dogwood Graduation Certificate or BC Adult Dogwood Certificate)*
- *equivalent - may include the institute statement of any of the following:*
 - *the student being able to pass an entrance test administered by the institute;*
 - *the student being 19 years of age; or*
 - *the student having mature student status.*

Grade 12 preferred is also acceptable.