

Describing the Attributes of TRU Graduates

TRU is a comprehensive, learner-centred, environmentally responsible institution that serves its regional, national, and international learners and their communities through high quality and flexible education, training, research and scholarship. As a learner-centred institution, TRU is dedicated to the intellectual and social development of our students through courses, programs, and experiential learning opportunities that provide learning and critical thinking skills and the encouragement to approach issues with creativity. TRU is committed to developing graduates who set high standards for their learning and endeavour to meet the challenges of the future. The TRU Graduate Attributes support the university-wide elements articulated in the TRU Strategic Priorities (2014-2019) and the TRU Academic Plan (2012). Programs and departments use the graduate attributes to articulate clear and measurable learning outcomes at the course and program level to their students. To these ends, each TRU graduate possesses knowledge, skills, and values that characterize excellence in education in their chosen field of study and can demonstrate competence in the following as is appropriate for their area of study:

<i>KNOWLEDGE</i>	<i>Depth and Breadth of Knowledge</i>
	<i>Knowledge Acquisition and Application</i>
<i>SKILLS</i>	<i>Creative Thinking and Expression</i>
	<i>Critical Thinking, Analysis, Problem Solving and Research</i>
	<i>Communication</i>
	<i>Teamwork and Leadership</i>
<i>VALUES and COMMITMENTS</i>	<i>Social Responsibility and Ethical Behaviour</i>
	<i>Sustainability and Entrepreneurship</i>
	<i>Intercultural Understanding</i>
	<i>Lifelong Learning</i>

KNOWLEDGE

Depth and Breadth of Knowledge

For instance, TRU graduates: Employ and synthesize the concepts and methodologies of the discipline through a range of levels. Identify interdisciplinary opportunities to gather, review and evaluate information and carry out other knowledge-based activities consistent with their area of study.

Knowledge Acquisition and Application

For instance, TRU graduates: Acquire and apply information, summarize and interpret quantitative and qualitative data, use technology in authentic applications, and employ visual elements of the discipline. Review, evaluate, interpret and present information common to the field of study. Analyze “real world” problems and recommend and/or implement solutions. Investigate, analyze, and evaluate a variety of issues and carry out other knowledge-based activities consistent with their area of study.

SKILLS

Creative Thinking and Expression

For instance, TRU graduates: Design, imagine, reconstruct and demonstrate their learning. Seek innovative and non-traditional opportunities to examine situations and resolve problems and carry out other skills-based activities consistent with their area of study.

Critical Thinking, Analysis, Problem Solving and Research

For instance, TRU graduates: Construct meaning from information. Analyze and synthesize information, investigate ideas, and formulate multiple and alternate solutions to problems. Discover that knowledge can be uncertain, ambiguous and limited, and how these limitations might influence results and interpretation of information.

Communication

For instance, TRU graduates: Use effective oral and written communication techniques. Communicate information, arguments, and analyses accurately and reliably. Demonstrate respectful communication by listening, seeking clarification, and working to understand the other viewpoints and carry out other skills-based activities consistent with their area of study.

Teamwork and Leadership

For instance, TRU graduates: Demonstrate effective leadership skills. Seek opportunities to collaborate. Work cooperatively and supportively as a member of an inter- or intra-disciplinary team and carry out other skills-based activities consistent with their area of study.

VALUES and COMMITMENTS

Social Responsibility and Ethical Behaviour

For instance, TRU graduates: Share knowledge and skills within the community (local, national, and international). Apply ethical principles to decision-making. Engage in ethical and professional practices in an accountable manner. Demonstrate behaviour consistent with ethical practices that positively impact the community and carry out other values and commitments-based activities consistent with their area of study.

Sustainability and Entrepreneurship

For instance, TRU graduates: Apply principles of responsible sustainability practices to entrepreneurial or community-based service activities related to their disciplines. Justify, recommend, and express opinions on sustainability practices and environmental stewardship. Demonstrate entrepreneurial collaboration that supports career development opportunities or partnerships with government, industry, or NGO's. Carry out other values and commitments-based activities consistent with their area of study.

Intercultural Understanding

For instance, TRU graduates: Recognize the importance of valuing diverse perspectives in intercultural contexts. Collaborate with others to bring different skills, knowledge, and tools to problem solving. Recognize the value of including traditional and contemporary Aboriginal teaching, learning, research, and creative practices to work and in the community and carry out other values and commitments-based activities consistent with their area of study.

Lifelong Learning

For instance, TRU graduates: Work independently and productively. Set personal and professional goals and establish an action plan to attain the goals. Reflect on personal development and use strategies to learn from self-reflection and carry out other skills-based activities consistent with their area of study.