Colleges and universities may offer certificate programs of variable length. Continuing adult education programs, while not shown on this diagram, may be offered at various levels of instruction.

The right to deliver university-level programs and grant prescribed university degrees and applied bachelor’s degrees has been granted to public colleges in Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and Yukon through legislation. However, some degree programs delivered are currently offered through partnerships with educational institutions in other Canadian jurisdictions.

In all jurisdictions, a secondary-school diploma is issued upon successful completion of the secondary-school curriculum. In Nova Scotia, the elementary system consists of seven years, including Grade Primary, followed by Grades 1 to 6.