



Early Childhood Education and Care Certificate Program

September 2019—December 2020

Vancouver Island University

The Program

The Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) program provides students with the knowledge and skills to work with young children and their families in licensed child care settings. Students progress through a series of courses and practica designed to integrate theoretical learning, self awareness, and practical experience in becoming an Early Childhood Educator. This program is full time with some part-time and online options.

Successful students will earn Vancouver Island University's (VIU's) Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care. The ECEC certificate is built on a strengths based model that honors the skills, abilities and perspectives of the diverse students enrolled in the program. Working closely with Early Childhood faculty, the Aboriginal Early Childhood Development Chair at VIU is committed to enhancing the local and cultural relevance of education for Aboriginal early childhood practitioners. For more information visit:

<https://research.viu.ca/aecd-chair>

Career Opportunities

Graduates are in demand to work in licensed child care settings such as Group Care, StrongStart, Young Parent, Supported Child Development, Preschool, Child Care Resource and Referral Programs, and Child and Family Service Agencies. Students can go on to complete the Infant and Toddler designation.

Start Date and Application Deadline

The program starts on September 3, 2019 and applications will be accepted until the program is full.

Admission Requirements

- [General admission requirements](#) apply.
- English 12 with a minimum "C" grade, or equivalent. *English Requirement can be accepted by December 2019 with approval of the chair.*
- Resume describing education and employment history.
- Two letters of reference, completed on a University Reference Form from persons other than relatives. At least one letter of reference must document completion of *60 hours in a licensed child care facility* such as a family childcare, group day care or pre-school. If you need assistance with achieving these hours, please contact alison.taplay@viu.ca for referral
- Possible group interview with the program faculty
- Complete and submit application at Vancouver Island University, Powell River

Practicum Requirements

- Submission of a satisfactory criminal record check is required prior to placement in an ECEC practicum.
- Submission of a satisfactory doctor's note.
- Hold a valid first aid and CPR certificate from a course that meets licensing regulations.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance may be available to students demonstrating financial need. Information on loans, grants, scholarships, awards, tuition bursaries and general bursaries is available online at viu.ca/financial-aid or call 250.740.6423. Applications should be made 8 to 10 weeks prior to the start of your program. Please visit <https://services.viu.ca/student-affairs/financial-aid-awards> for more information.



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Program Outline:

Year 1-Fall Semester (Credits 15)

ECEC 120 Principles and Practices of Guiding and Caring
ECEC 133 Practicum I
ECEC 150 Interpersonal Communication: Theory and Practice
(or CYC 152)
ECEC 170 Program Planning: Development Through Play
PYSC 131 or CYC 111 or ECEC 110 Child Development I
Degree English Requirement

Year 1-Spring Semester (Credits 15)

ECEC 100 Roots and Trends of Canadian ECE Practice
ECEC 130 Principles and Practices of Wellness
ECEC 134 Practicum II
ECEC 171 Program Planning: Creative Expression
PSYC 132 or CYC or ECEC 111 Child Development II

Year 1-Intersession (Credits 6)

ECEC 135 Practicum III
ECEC 172 Program Planning: Discovering Our World

Year 2-Fall Semester (Credits 15)

ECEC 211 Early Childhood Program Administration
ECEC 221 Assessing and Supporting Healthy Early
Development
ECEC 270 Trend and Models in Early Childhood
CYC 231 An Intro to Family Development and Support

Completion Requirements

An overall average of “C+,” as well as “C+” grade in each of the ECEC and CYC courses is expected of students in order to proceed through the program and to graduate at either the Certificate.

Students should be advised that graduation from an approved post-secondary Early Childhood Education program does not automatically ensure registration as a Licensed Certified Early Childhood Education. For more details, contact the [Early Childhood Registry](#) or call Toll-free 1-888-338-6622 (in Victoria 356-6501).

How to Apply

Students can apply online at viu.ca/apply or obtain an Application for Admission form, which is available at the Powell River campus.

When the Registration Centre confirms that you have been admitted, you will be advised of when and how to register and pay for your courses.

We regret that enrolment in this program is limited. Not every student who meets or exceeds the minimum admission requirements will necessarily be admitted to the program.

Bursaries

The Early Childhood Educators of BC (ECEBC), in partnership with the Province of British Columbia, has enhanced and expanded the ECE Bursary Program, now known as the ECE Education Support Fund.

ECEBC is proud to offer two bursary programs for BC ECE students and professionals. For further information visit: http://www.ecebc.ca/programs/student_bursary.html

Further Information

See detailed course descriptions and program information: <https://www.viu.ca/programs/human-services/early-childhood-education-and-care-diploma>

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