

**Overview**

A child's first years are extremely important for their development. This is the time when children learn the most, and when teachers can make the greatest difference in their lives. Are you someone who wants to make a difference?

Confederation College's Early Childhood Education program is designed to give students a broad education in the theory of Early Childhood Education, child development, early childhood curriculum, and pedagogy. You'll get the skills and knowledge you need to plan educational programs and play environments to nurture each child's development and learning, making a real difference in their lives. Courses cover a wide range of ECE topics including play- and inquiry-based learning, effective interpersonal communication, child development, working with families, guidance, and health, safety, and wellness.

**Top Highlights**

- Program includes three field placements so that you can learn in real-world environments
- A demonstration classroom is used by faculty to create hands-on learning experiences for students to learn about curriculum and the development of young children
- Also offered as an accelerated program for those with a BA BEd degree in Primary/Junior Education from an accredited University in Ontario
- Course content follows the most current and relevant trends in professional practice

**Learner Testimonial**

The accelerated ECE program was a very fulfilling, fast-paced and worthwhile program which led to my immediate employment upon graduation. As a graduate of this program, I feel extremely well prepared and confident in my abilities to educate children and help them reach their full potential. The classes provided me with a wealth of knowledge and the field placements gave me the opportunity to put this knowledge into practice. The instructors were extremely knowledgeable, supportive, fun and had a true passion for what they do.

Jennifer S. / Alumna / Early Childhood Educator / Lakehead Public Schools

Early Childhood Education

Admission Requirements

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (or equivalent) with courses from the College (C), University (U), University/College (U/C), or Open (O) preparation levels with Grade 12 English (C/U) Level.
- or successful completion of the Mature Student Assessment.
- or successful completion of the General Education Development Test (GED).
- or appropriate credits from the Academic and Career Entrance program (ACE).

Note

It is highly recommended that you have strong interpersonal skills and volunteer experience in an early childhood setting.

Alternative Pathways

If you do not meet these admission requirements, we encourage you to consider the College Access or General Arts and Science Certificate or General Arts and Science Diploma programs, or Academic and Career Entrance program (ACE); if you successfully complete one of these programs, you will be eligible to apply to programs in the Community Services area.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates of the Early Childhood Education program work in a variety of settings including infant, toddler and preschool (including child care and nursery school) programs; before-and after-school programs, kindergarten programs and primary grade classrooms; special education and intervention programs; Ontario Early Years Centres; Head Start programs, family supports; home child care programs; parent/child/caregiver drop-in programs; paediatric playrooms; and health care settings.

Articulation Agreements

Confederation College has agreements in place that permit credits earned throughout this program to be transferred to programs at other colleges and universities.

Visit: confederationcollege.ca/articulation-agreements for more information.

First Semester

ED 127 Health Safety and Wellness
ED 131 Guidance I
GE General Elective
ED 135 Intro to ECE/Play-Based Learning
CS 007 Persuasive Writing
ED 142 Effective Interpersonal Communication

Second Semester

ED 234 Field Placement I
ED 236 Field Placement Seminar
ED 235 Play-Based Practices I
ED 228 Child Development I
ED 229 Working with Families
ED 225 School Age Programs
ED 227 Infant & Toddler Care
GE General Elective

Third Semester

ED 343 Guidance II
ED 347 Field Placement II
ED 349 Field Placement Seminar II
ED 328 Child Development II
ED 335 Play-Based Practices II
ED 330 Building FDK Partnerships

Fourth Semester

ED 452 Field Placement III
ED 456 Inclusive Practice
ED 431 Professional Practice
ED 435 Play Interventions
ED 438 Advanced Interpersonal Communication
PY 114 Understanding Addiction

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