



**CREDENTIAL**  
Ontario College Diploma

**PROGRAM CODE**  
Fall: 0102

**AREA OF INTEREST**  
Community Services

**LOCATION**  
Thunder Bay

**DURATION**  
2 -year

## Overview

The Early Childhood Education Program at Confederation College is designed to give students a broad education in preparation for the meaningful work of caring and educating young children.

Through readings, observations, critical and self-reflections, discussions, and hands-on learning, students will explore perspectives, learn to think critically, and examine their work with young children in early learning and care environments.

Students will be provided with the skills and knowledge needed to plan environments that nurture each individual child and their curiosities through play and inquiry based learning. Students will also plan play-based curriculum and learn ways to build meaningful and responsive relationships with children and their families. Students will have the opportunity to make connections between the blending of traditional and contemporary theories and practice during their interactive in-class discussions, lab experiences in early learning programs, and their three field placements during the two-year program.



### Top Highlights

- Program includes three block 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
- Course content follows the most current and relevant trends in professional practice



### Employment Opportunities

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



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# 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.

## 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](https://confederationcollege.ca/articulation-agreements) for more information.

## First Semester

CS 050 College Writing  
ED 117 Theoretical Approaches in ECE  
ED 142 Effective Interpersonal Communications  
SY 066 Sociology of Community:  
The Indigenous Context

## Second Semester

CS 223 Communications for Community Services  
ED 234 Field Placement 1  
ED 237 Pedagogical Approaches in ECE I  
ED 239 Play Responsive Practice  
GE General Elective

## Third Semester

ED 127 Health, Safety and Well-being Practices  
ED 330 Building FDK Partnerships  
ED 337 Pedagogical Approaches in ECE II  
ED 347 Field Practicum II and Seminar  
GE General Elective

## Fourth Semester

\*ED 452 Field Placement III  
ED 431 Reflective Educator in Practice

*\*Note: ED 452 is 11-week field practicum course*



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