

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM (C100)

PROGRAM NAME	Early Childhood Education
COURSE CODE	C100
SCHOOL	School of Early Childhood
CENTRE	Community Services and Early Childhood
LOCATION	George Brown College at Ryerson University
DURATION	2 years (4 semesters) or 18 months continuous with Summer classes (January start)
STARTING MONTH	September, January
CERTIFICATION	Ontario College Diploma
YEAR OF STUDY	2015-2016
METHOD OF STUDY	FT
APPLY TO	Ontario Colleges ¹

TUITION

\$3,694.00 *

ADDITIONAL COST

* Amounts listed are the total of tuition, materials, student service and ancillary fees for the first two semesters of programs starting in fall 2014. Fees are subject to change for programs starting in fall 2015 and at later dates.

International students: Visit the International Fees and Related Costs² page for more information.

Early Childhood Education is a two-year diploma program that enables students to gain skills and knowledge through alternating blocks of classroom theory and field practice providing theoretical and practical training with infant, toddler, preschool and school-aged children.

This program trains students to work with children aged six weeks to 12 years, in a variety of early childhood education settings.

Each semester is divided into blocks of seven weeks. One block is for academic studies, the other is for field placement.

FAST-TRACK – DIRECT ENTRY (10 MONTHS)

You may qualify for the fast-track program if you have a diploma or degree in a related field. For details visit program C130³.



PART TIME STUDY OPTIONS

Students may obtain an Early Childhood Education diploma on a part-time basis.

Students must attend an orientation session. Call 416-415-5000, ext. 2310 or email ece@georgebrown.ca to sign up for a session.

We also offer professional development courses and a part-time post-diploma certificate in Early Childhood Management.

For more information, call 416-415-5000, ext. 2310 or email ece@georgebrown.ca or visit the Part-time Early Childhood Programs page⁴.

FIELD STUDY OPTIONS

This program offers blocks of field placement during which time students have the opportunity to work with children of all ages in a variety of settings.

Notes:

- Students must submit proof of a satisfactory medical examination upon entering the program.
- Field placement is a mandatory and complex component of the program. Should accommodation issues arise, a Special Needs Consultant may be called upon to assist the applicant in determining whether she/he can meet the requirements necessary for safe caregiving for young children.
- In compliance with requests from our student placement partners, all students in this program must have a police reference check completed before their field placement. These reference checks, which can take up to four months, are done to protect the clientele of these agencies, who are considered “vulnerable persons” under the law. The fees for the reference checks vary and must be paid by the student. Students are responsible for ensuring that the check covers appropriateness for “individuals being employed and/or volunteering who will be working with vulnerable person(s).” Students who are unable to provide a clear police reference check may be unable to complete their field placement and, therefore, be unable to complete the program.
- Students must complete a standard first aid course prior to beginning field placement.

PROGRAM STANDARDS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

Program standards apply to all similar programs of instruction offered by colleges across the province. Each program standard for a postsecondary program of instruction includes the following elements:

- Vocational standard (the vocationally specific learning outcomes which apply to the program in question),
- Essential employability skills (the essential employability skills learning outcomes which apply to all programs of instruction), and
- General education requirement (the requirement for general education in postsecondary programs of instruction).

The vocational and essential employability skills⁵ components of program standards are expressed in terms of learning outcomes. Learning outcomes represent culminating demonstrations of learning and achievement. In addition, learning outcomes are interrelated and cannot be viewed in isolation of one another. As such, they should be viewed as a comprehensive whole. They describe performances that demonstrate that significant integrated learning by graduates of the program has been achieved and verified.

View standards and outcomes⁶ by program.

Source: Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities website⁷

REQUIRED COURSES

SEMESTER 1

Code	Course Name
ECE1075	Foundations of ECE
PSY1075	Infant and Child Development
ECE1069	Health, Safety and Nutrition
ECE1070	Interpersonal Communication
ECE2045	Applied Curriculum
ECE1024	Field Practice I for ECE
ECE1076	Observation, Planning and Evaluation
ECE1081	Fieldwork Seminar I
COMM1007	College English

SEMESTER 2

Code	Course Name
ECE1075	Foundations of ECE
PSY1075	Infant and Child Development
ECE1069	Health, Safety and Nutrition
ECE1070	Interpersonal Communication
ECE1026	Field Practice II
GSSC1064	Introduction to Sociology
ECE1076	Observation, Planning and Evaluation
ECE1082	Fieldwork Seminar II
ECE2045	Applied Curriculum
ECE1000	Professional Development Workshop 1

SEMESTER 3

Code	Course Name
ECE2048	Policy, Advocacy and Legislation
ECE2049	Children with Special Needs
ECE2050	Working with Families
ECE2014	Field Practice III
GHUM1041	History of Social Policy in Canada
ECE1080	Professional Development Workshop 2
ECE2053	Curriculum Theory
ECE2056	Creative Curriculum
ECE1083	Fieldwork Seminar III
GNED	General Education Elective

SEMESTER 4

Code	Course Name
ECE2048	Policy, Advocacy and Legislation
ECE2049	Children with Special Needs
ECE2050	Working with Families
ECE2017	Field Practice IV
GHUM1041	History of Social Policy in Canada
ECE1080	Professional Development Workshop 2
ECE2053	Curriculum Theory
ECE1084	Fieldwork Seminar IV
GNED	General Education Elective

YOUR CAREER

Graduates may find employment in:

- child care centres
- early years centres
- full day kindergarten
- parent resource centres
- pediatric playrooms
- special education settings
- integrated kindergartens
- therapeutic nursery programs
- in-home care

Your ECE diploma will give you credit towards degree programs at other institutions. It also makes you eligible for entrance to Ontario's College of Early Childhood Educators.

FUTURE STUDY OPTIONS

Students who complete the Early Childhood Education program with a GPA of 2.70 or higher may apply to complete the bridge course for entry into third year of the Early Childhood Leadership degree program (C301)⁸.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are selected on the basis of their academic achievement, including the required courses, and any other selection criteria outlined below.

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent**
- Grade 12 English (C or U)
- Additional (3) Grade 12 or Grade 11 C, U or M credits excluding English
- Mandatory Information session - Only applicants who receive a **conditional offer** will be required to attend the information session. Other arrangements will be made for applicants who live outside the Greater Toronto Area and/or are unable to attend the information session.

** Mature Student status (19 years of age or older)

COURSE EXEMPTIONS:

College or university credits may qualify you for course exemptions. Please visit www.georgebrown.ca/transferguide for more information.

International students: Visit the International Admissions⁹ page for more information.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Upon acceptance into the program, students must meet all the mandatory pre-placement health requirements for this program. This may take up to four months to complete all the requirements.
- All costs, service fees and fines associated with the overall health requirements are the responsibility of the student.
- For details and to download the mandatory pre-placement health form, please go to the pre-placement website at www.georgebrown.ca/preplacement

ADDITIONAL MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Pre-placement Health Form

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Police Vulnerable Sector Check (must be valid annually)

- In compliance with the requirements of our placement partners, all students in this program are required to have a police vulnerable sector check completed, and this check must be renewed annually before entering into field or clinical placement.
- The police vulnerable sector check process typically takes two to three months, but under some circumstances can take four to eight months. This is required to protect the clientele of our placement partner agencies, who are considered “vulnerable persons” under the law.
- Students are responsible for ensuring that the police vulnerable sector check covers appropriateness for “individuals being employed and/or volunteering who will be working with vulnerable person(s).”
- Students are required to keep the original copy of their police vulnerable sector check.
- Students who are unable to provide a “clear” police vulnerable sector check may not be able to start their field or clinical placement and therefore may be unable to complete the program. Students who are not eligible to attend their practice placement due to a “not clear” status will jeopardize their progress in the program.
- Failure to meet the requirements for field placement will prevent students from completing the program and/or securing employment.
- The fees for the police record check vary and must be paid by the student. For more information, please visit the Pre-placement website at georgebrown.ca/preplacement

CONTACT US

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Our office hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For more information, you may also call the George Brown College Contact Centre at 416-415-2000 (TTY 1-877-515-5559) or long distance 1-800-265-2002.

LINKS REFERENCE

¹http://www.georgebrown.ca/apply_now_at_ontario_colleges/

²<http://www.georgebrown.ca/international/futurestudents/tuitionfees/>

³<http://www.georgebrown.ca/C130/>

⁴http://www.georgebrown.ca/ece_part-time/

⁵<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/pepg/audiences/colleges/progstan/essential.html>

⁶<http://www.georgebrown.ca/programs/learning-standards-and-outcomes/>

⁷<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/pepg/audiences/colleges/progstan/index.html>

⁸<http://www.georgebrown.ca/C301/>

⁹<http://www.georgebrown.ca/international/futurestudents/applynow/>

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