

Basic Early Childhood Education Certificate

Program Outline

PROGRAM NAME: *Basic Early Childhood Education Certificate*

PROGRAM HOURS: 1008

PROGRAM DURATION: 41 weeks, full-time

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Basis Early Childhood Education Program provides training for individuals to work in licensed facilities that care for children aged 3 to 5 years. It consists of 8 courses and 3 practicums. Areas covered include the following aspects of child care: health, safety, nutrition, growth, and development. Also included are foundations in early childhood education, developmentally appropriate curriculum, and interpersonal communication. Through the practicums, students learn how theory learned in the courses relates to practice.

CAREER OCCUPATION

This program prepares graduates to work in group licensed child care facilities as a certified Early Childhood Educator (ECE) and in related careers in the sector of Early Childhood Education.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Prospective students for all programs must submit the following:

- 1) A \$250 non-refundable application fee; and
- 2) A completed online application including the following:
 - a. An **admission interview** indicating suitability for the program.
 - b. An **official transcript** indicating successful completion of:
 - i. **Grade 12 English** or equivalent course; or
 - ii. Any Canadian university-level English course; or
 - iii. An English Assessment indicating English proficiency equivalent to successful completion of Grade 12 English from a recognized university or college.
 - c. Two **letters of reference** indicating suitability to be an Early Childhood Educator (current within a year).
 - d. Government issued **photo identification** such as a driver's licence. Students must be 19 years of age prior to starting a full-time program.
 - e. A **criminal record check** (current within a year) indicating that no criminal record is found for the purpose of working with children. *
 - f. A **declaration of health** declaring suitability and capacity to be an Early Childhood Educator.

**An updated Criminal Record Check may be required for practicum placements if it has expired before the practicum portion of the program.*

The Basic ECE Certificate program **must** be completed prior to beginning the Infant Toddler Educator or Special Needs Educator Certificate programs.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this program, students will have developed the ability to follow hygienic procedures for food preparation, developed the ability to assess and manage illnesses and accidents; will learn how to recognize situations such as abuse or neglect and take appropriate action; developed skill in observing and recording behaviours, have a knowledge of developmental patterns in child growth; understand the way in which the environment, routines and curriculum can contribute to children's behaviour; understand the major historical, philosophical, sociological and psychological influences in the development of programs for young children; have the knowledge to provide developmentally appropriate curriculum; and have the skills to interact effectively with children, their peers and parents. They will also have put this knowledge into practice in practicum settings.

METHODS OF EVALUATION

The final grade for each course will be calculated and weighted based on grades received for the assignments and exam required for each course. The final outcome for each practicum will be calculated and weighted based on satisfactory completion and submission of the assignments, activities and evaluation(s) required for each practicum.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A student is eligible to graduate from a program when he/she has successfully completed all courses and practicums in that program. Students are required to receive a passing grade of "C" or higher for all academic courses and a "Pass" for all practicums. Upon completion of all three Certificate programs, students are granted an ECE Diploma.

Transfer students must have completed at least the majority (51%) of the training through Pacific Rim Early Childhood Institute in order to receive a Certificate or Diploma. Students completing a certificate or diploma that have not taken the majority of the program through PRECI may still order and receive a transcript of courses.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

A complete list of required textbooks can be found in our [textbook list](#).

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

To successfully complete the program, students will need to have regular access to a reliable computer with access to the Internet, a personal email account, Microsoft Word (or an equivalent to read and write .doc or .docx files), and Acrobat Reader (or equivalent to read .pdf files). In addition, students will require access to a printer and scanner.

FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES

Exam proctors may charge a fee to supervise the final exam. This fee will vary depending on the proctor a student has selected. The proctor fee is usually between \$30 and \$75 per exam.

PENALTIES

Students are required to abide by the ECEBC [Code of Ethics](#) at all times, submit original work (no cheating or plagiarism), respect all staff members and members of the community, submit assignments on time, submit extension requests on time (if required), submit complete assignments which follow the grading criteria, act professionally, maintain a clear criminal record check for the purposes of working with children, and comply with all the requirements of the Student Enrollment Contract. The “Academic Dishonesty Policy” and “Dismissal Policy” are available to read in the [Student Handbook](#).

Program Organization

This Basic Early Childhood Education Certificate Program is made up of the following courses, which should be taken in the order listed. The learning of each course will build on and reinforce the learning of the previous course. The Basic ECE Certificate must be completed prior to enrolling in post-basic Infant Toddler Educator and Special Needs Educator courses.

- **Health, Safety and Nutrition** (10 weeks – 45 hours)
- **Child Growth and Development** (10 weeks – 98 hours)
- **Guiding and Caring** (10 weeks – 65 hours)
- **Practicum One – Observing and Recording** (5 weeks – 225 hours)
- **Foundations in Early Childhood Education** (10 weeks – 65 hours)
- **ECE Curriculum One** (10 weeks – 70 hours)
- **ECE Curriculum Two** (10 weeks – 65 hours)
- **ECE Curriculum Three** (10 weeks – 65 hours)
- **Interpersonal Communication** (10 weeks – 65 hours)
- **Practicum Two** (3 week full time block – 125 hours)
- **Practicum Three** (3 week full time block – 120 hours)