

Textbook Information

General Information

Pacific Rim Early Childhood Institute (PRECI) uses both textbooks and online resources in the course materials. Please ensure you have purchased the required textbook prior to enrolling in the associated course. Double check you have the correct title, author, and edition.

Students are encouraged to purchase the required edition of the textbook. Textbook content can vary significantly between editions and outdated editions may not reflect current practices or be compatible with our course materials.

Required textbooks may be purchased from any source. For convenience there are external links to most of the textbooks on [our website](#). Many of the textbooks are available as eBooks for purchase or rental from services such as VitalSource.

In addition to textbooks, students may also be required to purchase a 2-year license to Science of Early Childhood Development resources. The 2-year subscription is approximately the cost of a single textbook and the resource can be used for many courses over the subscription period.

Science of Early Childhood and Development Resources

Many Pacific Rim Early Childhood Institute (PRECI) courses require access to the Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD) “North American Edition” and/or the “Child Development Primer”. These resources are considered “living textbooks” which are prepared and updated frequently by Canadian Early Childhood experts. If one or both of these resources is required for a course, they will be listed in the “Required Textbook” section below along with other required textbooks.

SECD Access

Access to the SECD resources for the “North American Edition” or the “North American Edition + Primer” is obtained through purchase of a “Single User License + Primer” on the [SECD Website](#). Each license is valid for two years from the date it is purchased. When choosing a subscription, carefully review the textbook list below to determine if you plan on taking a course that requires the Primer in the next two years. If you plan on taking even one course that requires the Primer during that period, we advise that you purchase the “[North American Edition + Primer](#)” license. The “Primer” portion is significantly discounted when purchased as part of a package with the North American Edition. Only purchase the standalone “[North American Edition](#)” if you do not plan on taking any courses that require the Primer in the next two years.

Required Textbooks

Basic Program

Early Childhood Educator Certificate

Health, Safety and Nutrition

Marotz, L. R. (2024). *Health, safety, and nutrition for the young child* (11th ed.). Cengage. ISBN: 9780357765760
Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), [North American Edition](#). Available for purchase through the [SECD Website](#).

Child Growth and Development

Kail, R. V. & Zolner, T. (2025) *Children: A chronological approach* (7th Canadian ed.). Pearson Canada. ISBN: 0138042187
Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), [North American Edition](#) and [Primer](#). Available for purchase through the [SECD Website](#).

Guiding and Caring

Weissman, P., & Hendrick, J. (2014). *The whole child: Developmental education for the Early Years* (10th ed.). Pearson. ISBN: 0132853426
Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), [North American Edition](#) and [Primer](#). Available for purchase through the [SECD Website](#).

Practicum I – Observing and Recording, Practicum II, and Practicum III

Stacey, S. (2015). [Pedagogical documentation in early childhood: Sharing children's learning and teachers' thinking](#). Redleaf Press. ISBN: 1605543918. *Free access for students*.
Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), [North American Edition](#). Available for purchase through the [SECD Website](#).

Foundations in Early Childhood Education

Gordon, A. M., & Browne, K. W. (2024). *Beginnings & beyond: Foundations in early childhood education* (11th ed.). Cengage. ISBN: 9780357625163
Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), [North American Edition](#) and [Primer](#). Available for purchase through the [SECD Website](#).

ECE Curriculum I, II, and III - Both textbooks and online SECD access are required for all three courses

Weissman, P., & Hendrick, J. (2014). *The whole child: Developmental education for the Early Years* (10th ed.). Pearson. ISBN: 0132853426
Crowther, I. (2016). *Creating effective learning environments* (4th ed.). Nelson Canada. ISBN: 0176531769.
Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), [North American Edition](#) and [Primer](#). Available for purchase through the [SECD Website](#).

Interpersonal Communication

Alder, R. B., Proctor II, R. F., Manning, J., Barfuss, N. & Rolls, J. A. (2024) *Look: Looking out, looking in* (5th Canadian ed). Cengage. ISBN: 9781774747711

Required Textbooks

Post-Basic Programs

Infant/Toddler Educator Certificate & Special Needs Educator Certificate

Infant Toddler Growth and Development

Fogel, A. (2024). *Infancy infant, family and Society* (7th ed.). Sloan Publishing. ISBN: 9781597381574

Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), North American Edition. Available for purchase through the [SECD Website](#).

Working with Families

Gestwicki, C. (2016). *Home, school & community relations* (9th ed.). Cengage. ISBN: 1305089014

Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), North American Edition. Available for purchase through the [SECD Website](#).

Centre Administration

Chandler, K. (2024). *Leading for Change: Leadership and Administration of Early Childhood Programs in Canada* (7th ed.). Pearson Canada Inc. ISBN: 9780137901258

Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), North American Edition. Available for purchase through the [SECD Website](#).

Working with Infants and Toddlers – Part I

Gonzalez-Mena, J., & Eyer, D. W. (2021). *Infants, toddlers, and caregivers: A curriculum of respectful, responsive, relationship-based care and Education* (12th ed.). McGraw-Hill Education. ISBN: 1260237788

Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), North American Edition. Available for purchase through the [SECD Website](#).

Working with Infants and Toddlers – Part II

Gonzalez-Mena, J., & Eyer, D. W. (2021). *Infants, toddlers, and caregivers: A curriculum of respectful, responsive, relationship-based care and Education* (12th ed.). McGraw-Hill Education. ISBN: 1260237788

Zero to Three. (2008). *Caring for Infants & Toddlers in groups: Developmentally appropriate practice* (2nd ed.). ISBN: 1934019267

Marotz, L. R. (2024). *Health, safety, and nutrition for the young child* (11th ed.). Cengage. ISBN: 9780357765760

Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), North American Edition. Available for purchase through the [SECD Website](#).

Inclusion in Early Childhood Settings – Part I and Part II

Langford, R., Nolan, K., Cipparrone, B., Pighini, M., Ineese-Nash, N., Allen, K. E., Chowdery, G.E. (2024). *Inclusion in Early Childhood Programs* (8th Canadian ed.). Cengage. ISBN: 9871774747780 (Required for Part 1 & Part 2)

Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), North American Edition. Available for purchase through the [SECD Website](#) (This subscription is required for Part 1, supplementary for Part 2)

Practicum – Infant Toddler *and* Practicum – Inclusion in Early Childhood Settings

Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), North American Edition. Available for purchase through the [SECD Website](#).