ECIT – Early Childhood Education – Infant/Toddler Educator

Health and Human Services

Effective Term & Year: Fall 2023
Program Outline Review Date: 2028-04-01

Program Area: Child Youth and Family Studies

Description:

The Early Childhood Education Certificate and Diploma Program provides students the necessary skills and knowledge to work with young children and their families in diverse settings. Our program uses a play-based approach, with a focus on positive assets and strength-based perspectives. Practicums are designed to give students the opportunity to apply theory into their practice in early childhood settings. The Diploma program allows for specialization as either an Infant/Toddler Educator or a Special Needs Educator.

Areas of learning include lifespan development; building relationships with children and families; creating curriculum; guiding behaviours; health, safety and nutrition; theories, ethics and philosophies; interpersonal and professional communication; observing and recording; and inclusive and diverse practices.

Graduates are prepared for employment as child care professionals in group care and education settings with children from birth to age 12. Examples of settings include group care, pre-school, family child care, BC Strong Start programs, infant development, supported child development, Child Care Resource and Referral, Head Start, Community Action Program for Children, and literacy, behaviour and early intervention programs.

Program Information:

Early Childhood Education – Infant/Toddler Educator (2nd year):

Early Childhood Education 2nd year courses are offered online and can be completed within 3 semesters of part-time study for a further 23 credits. The successful completion of the ECE certificate and diploma courses constitutes an Early Childhood Education Diploma.

Credentials Granted:

The Early Childhood Education Infant/Toddler Educator Diploma is awarded upon successful completion of a certificate or equivalent and the required courses listed in Year 2 of the Infant/Toddler specialty (first, second and third semesters).

Students with an existing certificate must complete all diploma requirements with (3) years of enrolling into the diploma program.

Early Childhood Education Infant/Toddler Educator Diploma

Minimum Course Grade: A minimum grade of C

Program Average: A minimum program grade point average of 2.0/10 (C- average)

General Requirements:

Educational Requirements Diploma:

Child, Youth and Family Studies Program: Early Childhood Education Specialty Certificate or a Certificate in Early Childhood Education from an accredited college

Delivery Methods: Online

Credits: 75

Instructional Activity and Hours:

Activity	Hours
Classroom, Directed Studies or Online Instruction	255
Seminar/Tutorials	
Laboratory/Studio	
Practicum/Field Experience	200
Co-op/Work Experience	
Other	
Total	455

Admission Requirements:

- Complete all of the following
  - Secondary school graduation or equivalent

- Earned a minimum grade of C+ (65%) in at least 1 of the following:
  - ENST 12 – English Studies 12
  - ENFP 12 – English First Peoples 12
  - ENGL090 – English – Provincial Level
- Child, Youth and Family Studies Program: Early Childhood Education Specialty Certificate or a Certificate in Early Childhood Education from an accredited college.

Non-Academic Admission Requirements:

- Completion and submission of CYFS Application package
- Completion of immunizations, documented by the immunization form in the admission package, or completion of the immunization waiver form (lack of immunizations may impact applicant access to Practicum placements and employment opportunities following graduation).
- Good command of oral and written English language
- Solicitor General Criminal Record Check. Note: Conviction of a criminal offence may influence an applicant's access to practicum placements and employment opportunities following graduation.

Program Completion Requirements:

Early Childhood Education Certificate
52 Total Credits

- Complete all of the following

  Fall Semester
  - Completed the following:
    - CYFS101 – Inclusive Interpersonal Communications (3)
    - CYFS102 – Observing & Recording (3)
    - ECED105 – Developing Positive Relationships With Young Children (3)
    - ECED113 – Health, Safety and Nutrition (3)
    - ECED125 – Introduction to Practicum (3)
    - ECED129 – Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3)
    - ECED137 – Creating Curriculum With Young Children 1 (3)

  Winter Semester
  - Completed the following:
    - CYFS116 – Lifespan Development (4)
    - ECED131 – Principles of Program Development (3)
    - ECED138 – Creating Curriculum With Young Children 2 (3)
    - ECED150 – Guiding Behaviours with Young Children (4)
    - HSWR106 – Families (3)
    - ECED126 – Practicum 1 (4)

  Spring Semester
  - Completed the following:
    - ECED120 – Introduction of Professional Practice (3)
    - ECED149 – Studies in Diversity (3)

- ECED128 – Practicum 2 (4)

Early Childhood Education Infant/Toddler Educator Diploma
23 Total Credits

- Complete all of the following

  Fall Semester
  - Completed the following:
    - ECED201 – Advanced Child Growth & Development (4)

  Winter Semester
  - Completed the following:
    - ECED213 – Advanced Health, Safety and Nutrition (3)
    - ECED218 – Planning Programs for Infants & Toddlers (4)

  Spring Semester
  - Completed the following:
    - ECED206 – Working with Families (3)
    - ECED208 – Supervision and Administration (3)
    - ECED229 – Infant and Toddler Practicum (6)

Grand Total Credits: 75

Program Completion Requirements Notes:

Successful completion of all Year 1 courses is required for the Early Childhood Education Certificate. A student must complete the certificate within three years (36 months) from the start date.

Flexible Assessment: Yes

In some cases students may be able to apply for recognition of prior learning outside the classroom. This flexible assessment process provides equivalent course credit. It is a rigorous process that may include external evaluation, worksite assessment, demonstration, standardized test, self-assessment, interview, products/portfolio, and challenge exam, or other measures as appropriate. Tuition fees apply. Contact an education advisor for more information.

Program Transfer Credit:

For information about block transfer agreements between programs in British Columbia, Alberta,

and elsewhere, please visit http://www.cotr.bc.ca/transfer.

To minimize transfer issues, check with an academic advisor at the institution that will receive the transfer credits.

Academic Policies:

College of the Rockies policies related to courses can be found at https://cotr.bc.ca/about-us/college-policies/ and include the following:

- Policy 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
- Policy 2.4.4 Student Conduct (plagiarism, other cheating, behavioral misconduct)
- Policy 2.4.8 Academic Performance
- Policy 2.5.3 Grade Appeal
- Policy 2.4.9 Student Concerns Re Faculty

Program Changes:

Information contained in this program outline is correct at the time of publication. Courses and course content may be revised from time to time based on changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The timetable may also be revised.

Course Descriptions: Refer to Course Outlines – https://outlines.cotr.bc.ca/course/