EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - ALTERNATE DELIVERY (ECAD)

A customized ECE placement plan developed with you for you

Geared for those who currently work in early childhood education (ECE), our alternate delivery format is the only one of its type in Ontario. If you have been working in ECE for a minimum of six months, this five-semester hybrid program offers online, facilitated, and brief, intensive in-person learning that allows you to complete your diploma while you work.

You will build a foundation of knowledge that children learn through play. This play-based learning approach, combined with a culturally relevant environment, will encourage curious, capable, and competent children. You will also explore how to organize and maintain a stimulating learning environment that ensures the total development of children from birth to 12 years of age.

Program highlights

- The only alternate delivery program of its kind in Ontario
- Compressed course delivery
- Learn while you continue to work
- Interactive classroom experiences
- Faculty with expertise across the curriculum
- Grads can apply to become a Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE)

Program of study for 2027-28 Academic Year

Semester 1		Credits
ECE 1050	Health & Nutrition	3
ECE 1115	Intro Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 1024	Child Growth and Development	3
ECE 1130	Field Seminar I	1
ECE 1140	The Creative Learning Environment	3
ENG 1002	College Communications	3
ISP 1046	Introduction to Computers	1
PSY 1050	Introduction To Psychology I	3
	Credits	**20**
Semester 2		
ECE 1201	Curriculum Planning I	3
ECE 1205	Observation and Documentation	3
ECE 1230	Field Seminar II	1
ECE 1239	Field Practicum II	6
ECE 1295	Child Guidance	3
One General Education course. [1]		3
	Credits	**19**
Semester 3		
ECE 2040	Culturally Relevant Practice	3
ECE 2301	Curriculum Planning II	3
ECE 2320	Infant and Toddler Care	3
ECE 2330	Field Seminar III	1
ECE 2339	Field Practicum III	4
	Credits	**14**
Semester 4		
ECE 2395	Family Liaison	3
ECE 2450	Inclusive Theory & Practices	3
ECE 2460	School Age Program	3
ENG 1242	Speaking/Writing Comm. Services I	3
One General Education course. [1]		3
	Credits	**15**
Semester 5		
ECE 1012	Leadership in ECE	3
ECE 1013	Child Abuse	3
ECE 2315	Curriculum Models In ECE	3
ECE 2430	Field Seminar IV	1
ECE 2439	Field Practicum IV	6
One General Education course. [1]		3
	Credits	**19**
	Total Credits	**87**

[1] For more information regarding General Education courses, click here (https://cambriancollege.ca/general-electives/).

Admission requirements

For graduates of the new curriculum (OSS): Ontario Secondary School Diploma (30 credits) or equivalent or mature student status, including:

- Any grade 12 English (C) or (U)

Additional admission requirements

- Two-step TB test
- Standard First Aid Certificate
- Vulnerable Sector Check is required prior to field placements
- Record of up-to-date immunizations
- Freedom from communicable diseases and fit to work with young children
- Field certifications (Bill 18 requirements)
- Currently working in the field of ECE, directly with children, for a minimum of six months

Recommendations

- Any grade 11 or 12 family studies (C), (U), or (M)
- Computer competency in relevant software

Program delivery

2027-2028
Fall term start

SEMESTER 1: Fall 2027
SEMESTER 2: Winter 2028
SEMESTER 3: Fall 2028
SEMESTER 4: Winter 2029
SEMESTER 5: Spring 2029

Please note: This program has a brief intensive two-week on-campus component with mandatory attendance. The two-week in-person component takes place mid to late August each year. More information will be provided to you before the beginning of the in-person session.

To support the hands-on learning experience that is central to the ECAD program, attendance is required on-campus in Sudbury during the in-person components and a virtual option is not available.

Registration to practice / additional testing

Persons who wish to work within the College of Early Childhood Education's scope of practice must apply for registration with the College of Early Childhood Educators. A requirement to apply for registration is possession of an Early Childhood Education diploma from an Ontario College of Applied Arts and Technology. It is the responsibility of the graduate to register with the College of Early Childhood Educators.

Specific program pathways

College or university degree opportunities

If you are a graduate of this program, you may continue your studies at a college or university, and you may receive credit(s) for your prior college education. Refer to Cambrian's college and university agreement (https://cambriancollege.ca/supports-services/articulation-agreements/universities-in-canada/) details for further information.

Employment opportunities

Graduates may find career opportunities as early childhood educators working with a variety of age groups including infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school age children in:

- Early learning and child care centres (centre based and/or home child care)
- EarlyON Child and Family Centres
- Kindergarten classrooms

Graduates are also prepared for employment opportunities in/as:

- Agencies that provide services to young children and their families
- Licensed home child care visitors
- Child and family resource workers that support inclusive practices
- Centres for newcomer children
- Nursery schools/parent co-operative centres

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