

Early Childhood Education

Program Locations:	Peterborough
Program Code:	EC
Co-ordinator:	Linda Hudson
Credential:	Ontario College Diploma
Start Dates:	September 04, 2012 - January 07, 2013
Tuition Fees:	\$1,864.70 per semester. Tuition and fees subject to change.



In the Early Childhood Education program you will learn how to help young children develop their physical, social, and intellectual skills, their self-confidence and imagination.

Program Highlights

Learn how to support, encourage and promote a young child's physical, emotional and social growth as well as their cognitive and language development.

You will also learn the skills necessary to plan, implement and evaluate play-based curriculum. Our courses are based on a philosophy that encourages inclusive practices and partnerships with families.

An emphasis is placed on applying what's learned in the classroom to real-world settings, preparing students to start their careers as early childhood educators.

Why Choose Fleming

A smaller program size means more individual attention in the classroom and customized field placements.

The program is designed to provide varied and extensive applied learning opportunities -from courses like Early Learning With Toddlers and Families and Early Learning Practicums in semesters two, three and four. An interactive online course and a teamwork project "Creating Your Own Childcare" in the final semester consolidate and conclude your ECE learning.

Fleming offers support services to assist students in the further development of fundamental life and learning skills important to successfully complete the program.

These skills include being able to work independently, participate in a team, organizational abilities, taking initiative and developing good work habits.

Aboriginal Emphasis Initiative

Fleming College's Aboriginal Emphasis Initiative is an inclusive approach to providing more understanding of Aboriginal peoples, communities and nations. ECE students at Sutherland Campus (Peterborough) will have an opportunity to take courses designed from an Aboriginal perspective with emphasis on Aboriginal peoples, history, spirituality and culture. See the Aboriginal Emphasis Initiative page for courses available in this program.

Work Placement

In semesters two and three, you'll put theoretical education to work in a child care environment. This will enrich studies in semester four, when you will be pulling it all together in a final field placement. A background working with young children (ages newborn to 12) in licensed child care centres is strongly recommended as a prerequisite for field placement.

Is this You?

To succeed in this program and in an ECE career, you need:

- Experience working with young children
- Well-adjusted, grounded personality
- A good sense of humour and imagination
- Patience
- Empathy
- Creativity

Career Opportunities

There is an extremely high rate of related employment for graduates. As an Early Childhood Educator you will find work in child care centers, nursery schools, home day care programs, before and after school programs, early learning and parenting centers, resource services and primary classrooms. Possibilities that are more exotic include children's programming at resorts or on cruise ships. Graduates are also qualified to become owner/operators of child care centers.

Provincial Registration

In order to practice in Ontario as an Early Childhood Educator, graduates must apply for registration in the College of Early Childhood Educators. (CECE) Graduates of Fleming College will meet the education requirements for registration. For more information please visit www.collegeofece.on.ca

Minimum Admission Requirements

OSSD with the majority of credits at the College (C) and Open (O) level, including:

- 2 College (C) English courses (Grade 11 or Grade 12)

When (C) is the minimum course level for admission, (U) or (U/C) courses are also accepted.

Mature Students

If you are 19 years of age or older before classes start, and you do not possess an OSSD, you can write the Canadian Adult Achievement Test to assess your eligibility for admission.

*** Students starting in January are required to attend classes over the summer semester.**

Related Programs

If you're sincerely interested in working with children, and are not sure yet which path to take, you might want to consider the Educational Assistant, Social Service Worker or Recreation and Leisure Services programs.

Immunization Records and Additional Program Requirements

- A current immunization record is required. To print the required immunization form: [Immunization Information page](#).
- A Current Criminal Reference Check (vulnerable sector included) is required before you can be placed in a field practicum in semester two. You must have this documentation by the end of class in December
- Valid CPR and First Aid certificate (C level) are required before the second year of the program.
- Ability to lift children up to five years of age and diaper children of all ages.

Additional Costs

Books and supplies (including ECE T-shirt required for practicums) are approximately \$1000.00 per year. Travel costs including charges for parking may be incurred during field placements.

Transfer Agreements

We are committed to providing students and graduates with flexible options to get maximum recognition of their college studies. Through joint programs and transfer agreements with the following universities, you can apply the learning you acquire at Fleming College to earn a related degree in less time, and at less cost.

- Athabasca University
- Griffith University, Queensland, Australia
- Ryerson University
- University of New Brunswick
- University of Ontario Institute of Technology

Curriculum for Early Childhood Education

Semester 1

Code	Course Name	Hours
COMM 79	College Communications for the Helping Professions	37
EDUC 84	Early Childhood Development	30
EDUC 21	Foundations in Early Childhood Education	30
SOCI 36	Introduction to Psychology	45
COMP 345	Introductory Computing	45
GENED	General Education Elective	

Semester 2

Code	Course Name	Hours
EDUC 87	Children's Health and Environment	14
FLPL 123	Early Learning Practicum I	105
EDUC 22	Guiding Young Children's Behaviour	30
EDUC 85	Observing and Assessing Children	30
EDUC 4	Play Based Learning	30
FLPL 121	Strategies for Practicum Success	14

Semester 3

Code	Course Name	Hours
EDUC 89	Advanced Play Based Learning	30
EDUC 116	Building Inclusive Environments	45
EDUC 88	Child Care Curriculum II	30
COMM 146	Communicating at Work for the Helping Professions	45
EDUC 90	Interactive Learning with Toddlers and Families	75
EDUC 91	Working with Families in an Early Childhood Education Setting	30
GENED	General Education Elective	

Semester 4

Code	Course Name	Hours
EDUC 1	Administration of Preschool Programs	45
FLPL 58	Early Learning Practicum II	262
FLPL 59	Early Learning Practicum III	262

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