

# Early Childhood Education Program

Build your career brand in the Early Childhood Education Program at Fleming College. Learn how to support, encourage and promote a young child’s growth and development through observation and implementation of creative play based learning experiences. All courses are based on a philosophy that encourages inclusive practices and partnerships with families.

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 Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten classrooms.

	FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER	THIRD SEMESTER	FOURTH SEMESTER	AND BEYOND	
DEVELOP YOUR CAREER BRAND	<b>LEARN</b>					
	BE OPEN TO ALL CAREER POSSIBILITIES	Check out <a href="#">orientation</a> , meet fellow students in your program and faculty.	<a href="#">Strategies for Practicum Success</a> will ensure that you are prepared for <a href="#">Early Learning Practicum I</a> and engaged in your professional practice.	Enroll in one of the free on-campus certifications such as the <a href="#">Campus Health</a> or <a href="#">Information Literacy</a> certifications.	Come to a Program Advisory Committee meeting. Demonstrate leadership skills and get involved with the future of your program!	Keep in contact with <a href="#">Career Services</a> . Graduates can access services for two years beyond graduation.
	BUILD ON YOUR PROGRAM AND EXPERIENCES	Link up with us on <a href="#">Facebook</a> and <a href="#">Twitter</a> and keep up with news and information about the program and industry .	Participate in <a href="#">Networking and LinkedIn</a> workshops to build your job search skill sets.	Practice your interview skills by completing a virtual mock interview through <a href="#">Interview Stream</a> .	Integrate theory and practice in your applied learning experience and demonstrate your professionalism in your <a href="#">Early Learning Practicum III</a>	Access community job search resources after graduation at <a href="#">Fleming CREW</a> , <a href="#">Lindsay VCCS</a> , or <a href="#">other providers</a> .
	<b>BELONG</b>					
	GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY	Begin your <a href="#">co-curricular record</a> to track campus and community involvement that contributes to your career brand.	Engage in community service learning. Investigate <a href="#">volunteer opportunities</a> both on and off campus.	<a href="#">Book an appointment</a> with a Career Educator to discuss how to present communication skills gained in volunteer experiences.	Get involved in community organizations such as <a href="#">KINARK</a> , <a href="#">Five Counties</a> , or <a href="#">Tri-counties</a> .	Stay in touch, network with program faculty and your peers after graduation.
	FIND SUPPORT FOR YOUR CAREER PATH AND GOALS	Connect with campus resources such as <a href="#">Tutoring &amp; Academic Skills</a> , start your academic career off on a strong footing.	Critical thinking is a key skill, your <a href="#">Inquiry and Play</a> course will connect children’s play with learning and development.	Develop your group work skills as you work with families and celebrate children’s learning in <a href="#">Interactive Learning with Children and Families</a> .	<a href="#">Career Services</a> can link you to employers who want to hire from your program!	Connect with the <a href="#">FastStart</a> program for entrepreneurship resources.
	USE YOUR EDUCATION TO CREATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES	<a href="#">Introductory Computing</a> you will learn the latest software and hardware needed in industry.	Register with <a href="#">Career Services</a> and access TypeFocus to identify personality strengths and	Fleming College is committed to <a href="#">sustainability</a> , <a href="#">Creating Early Learning Sustainable Environments</a> will allow you to explore sustainable learning environments.	Link with <a href="#">Educational Pathways</a> to investigate the many <a href="#">transfer agreements</a> open to program graduates.	Mentor a grad or student, stay connected through the Alumni LinkedIn page.
	<b>BECOME</b>					
	BE SUCCESSFUL ON YOUR TERMS	<a href="#">First in your family</a> to attend College? Connect with First Generation supports to help you navigate College.	Collaboration with your peers is key in <a href="#">Observing Competence in Young Children</a> as you learn to observe, document and understand children’s learning.	Investigate your industry, keep track of the <a href="#">College of Early Childhood Educators</a> and the <a href="#">Association of Early Childhood Educators of Ontario</a> .	Connect and register with the <a href="#">Alumni Office</a> , Hear what <a href="#">other students</a> in the program have to say about ECE at Fleming.	Explore <a href="#">Continuing Education</a> courses for ongoing learning opportunities to stay updated in your industry.
	EMBRACE THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE AROUND YOU	First semester courses <a href="#">Early Childhood Development and Pedagogical Foundations to Learning</a> will have you learning about the profession from day one.	Access a wide variety of <a href="#">Student Life</a> resources to help you succeed at College.	Your written and verbal communication skills will be perfected for the profession in <a href="#">Communications II</a> .	Book an appointment with a <a href="#">Career Educator</a> to discuss your plans beyond graduation.	Continue to manage your career and document your career achievements in your portfolio.