

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM (ECE)



Central Okanagan  
Public Schools  
Together We Learn



Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Assistants work as a team to provide a caring, safe and nurturing environment for children 1-5 years of age. This Okanagan College Dual Credit program provides students with 3 introductory courses that provide students with the ability to apply to the provincial registry for the ECE Assistant certification to begin working in a childcare setting.

Students will gain knowledge and skills to support children and families with:

- Health and safety practices essential to a childcare center
- Guiding and caring skills that foster respectful interactions with children, parents and colleagues
- Program planning that engages children and sparks their curiosity.

Following high school graduation, students that choose to continue their education after the 3 ECE Assistant courses to earn the ECE diploma will have a reduced course load in the first 2 semesters as they will have already completed 3 of the 12 required first year courses.

## Admission Requirements

Grade 12 student with good attendance and academic standing on a Dogwood gradation plan

## English Requirements

Students are required to complete English 12 in the first semester of grade 12

## Graduation Requirements

A minimum passing grade of 70% in all courses in the program

## Tuition

SD23 Pays: Tuition: \$3,000.00\*

Student Pays: Textbooks: \$300.00\*

\*All program costs are approximate and subject to change without notice.

## Recommendations for Success

- Good general physical health
- Work well with others in a team environment
- Good oral and written communication skills
- A caring and compassionate mind set

## Program Outline

ECDE 122 Health, Safety & Nutrition

ECDE 113 Child Development 3 - 12 years

ECDE 124 Guiding and Caring

## Credits Earned

Students will earn 12 elective credits, (3 courses) at the gr 12 level

## Program Delivery

September start, Tues. and Thurs. evenings, some Saturdays.

## Sponsorship Requirements for SD23 Students

- Attend "Student for a Day"
- Complete the School District application package and hand it into your Career Programs Coordinator
- Be on track to graduate with a Dogwood diploma
- Meet with Career Coordinator to review program and school district exemptions
- Okanagan College course requirements / admission requirements met for program
- Application approved and accepted by School District
- An interview may be required for potential applicants



## Location

Okanagan College  
1000 KLO Road, Kelowna, BC



## Student for a Day

Arrange your Student for a Day experience by contacting your school Career Coordinator.

Applications are available at your school Career Centre or go to [www.dualcredit23.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.dualcredit23.sd23.bc.ca)

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