



## BACHELOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ONLINE)

Recognizing the strong foundation gained through a two-year Early Childhood Education (ECE) Diploma, the online Honours Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (BECE) program extends and deepens your capacity to support children’s learning and development and enhance your career pathway. As a BECE student, you’ll be prepared to become an innovative practitioner, leader and advocate for children, their families and communities. You will also gain the foundation to pursue further studies, including teacher education programs and graduate studies.

### PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

The online BECE program is comprehensive, addressing all developmental domains, including physical health and well-being, social competence, emotional maturity, language and cognitive development and communication skills. With a holistic vision of child development, the program sees children as being part of a whole community that includes their family, culture and natural environment. The following framework illustrates the program’s integrated focus areas and philosophy. Ethical standards and standards of practice for the teaching profession are explicitly and intentionally integrated into the BECE framework.

#### YEAR THREE COURSES

- Indigenous Culture and Early Childhood Education
- The Science Behind the Developing Child
- Young Children with Exceptionalities
- Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Education for Sustainability
- Ethics, Policy, & Care in Early Childhood Education
- Internship 1
- 1 full credit elective from list\*

#### SPRING/SUMMER TERM COURSES

- Global Education: A Cross Curricular Approach
- Research Methods in Early Childhood Education
- 1 Humanities context credit\*\*
- 1 Science context credit\*\*
- 0.5 credit elective. If you requested an early start, you would only need to complete one half-elective beyond the two half credit courses in Adult Education.\*\*

#### REQUIRED YEAR FOUR COURSES

- Early Childhood Education Honours thesis
- Inclusive Programming in Early Childhood Education
- Literacy in the Early Years
- Mathematics in the Early Years
- Internship II
- 1 credit elective\*

#### BECE FRAMEWORK

##### SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL LEARNING



- Spiritual learning
- Reflecting
- Respecting the unknown
- Diverse world views guided by standards of respect and commitment to children

##### BODY



- Physical action
- Collaboration and practice as guided by standards of integrity, leadership in learning communities and professional practice

##### MIND



- Research
- Curriculum innovation and design
- Reflection
- Professional development guided by standards of trust and professional knowledge

##### HEART



- Ethical practices
- Balance
- Motivation
- Passion, care, equity for children, families, communities and the planet

See program and admissions notes on the following page for more information on elective courses, context credits and suggested courses.



## COMPLETE A DEGREE IN 2 YEARS

As a college transfer student, you can complete your degree in two years by entering year three of your four-year honours degree.



## LEARN THROUGH EXPERIENCE

Engage in coursework, research, conferences, advocacy and community internships, including international opportunities when available.



## FLEXIBLE APPLICATION & ENTRY

The full-time program begins in September (with an option for an early start). Part-time students can enter the program in the fall or winter. Applications are received on an ongoing basis. Visit [discover.brocku.ca/transfer-students](https://discover.brocku.ca/transfer-students) for information about on-the-spot admissions.



## A FUTURE-READY FOCUS

Our technology-enriched programs equip you to teach digital learners using instructional strategies that engage and motivate.



## SUPPORTS TO HELP YOU SUCCEED

Get unique supports for students coming directly from college or early childhood education professionals in the field.



## GET A HEAD START

Apply for early admission and complete a course in the spring or summer prior to fall entry to prepare for success in your university studies. See [brocku.ca/education/programs/early-childhood-education](https://brocku.ca/education/programs/early-childhood-education) for suggested courses.

## ADMISSIONS CONSIDERATIONS

### TRANSFER CREDIT GUIDELINES

- Generally, 7 out of 20 credits are granted for applicants meeting the criteria below
- Applicants who present additional post-secondary credentials beyond the ECE diploma may be assessed for further transfer credits up to a maximum of 10.0 credits
- Brock offers on-the-spot admissions for students transferring ECE diploma credits (see [discover.brocku.ca/transfer-students](https://discover.brocku.ca/transfer-students) for details)

### MINIMUM CREDENTIALS FOR ADMISSION

- A COMPLETED two-year Early Childhood Education Diploma (ECE), or equivalent, with a grade of 'B' (normally a calculated average of no less than 75 percent based on all credits completed within the ECE diploma program, excluding practicum grades)
- Any additional education credentials submitted as part of the application will be assessed by the Admissions Office and taken into consideration.

## PROGRAM & ADMISSIONS NOTES

International Students: When applying for your study permit, you will also need to include the co-op work permit application in order to participate in internships. Contact [foeipo@brocku.ca](mailto:foeipo@brocku.ca) with questions about immigration and being an international BECE student.

The information provided on this page is subject to change without notice and in accordance with the current Undergraduate Calendar. Please see additional information and Undergraduate Calendars published on the website of the Office of the Registrar.

\* See [brocku.ca/education/programs/early-childhood-education](https://brocku.ca/education/programs/early-childhood-education) for details. Please note that some of the elective courses may be offered in a variety of formats — face-to-face, blended, online

\*\* For more information and a complete listing of context credits see the Undergraduate Calendar at [brocku.ca/registrar](https://brocku.ca/registrar). See suggested courses on [brocku.ca/education/programs/early-childhood-education](https://brocku.ca/education/programs/early-childhood-education). Please note that some of the context courses may be offered in a variety of formats — face-to-face, blended, online.

## LEARN MORE

Admissions questions: [futurestudent@brocku.ca](mailto:futurestudent@brocku.ca)  
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