

## Early Childhood Education

(two year post-secondary diploma)

Please read and think about the following information below carefully to decide whether this program is a good fit for you. This information may change and is simply intended to offer you a helpful perspective on what you will experience in this program.

**Orientation:** Typically, during the last week of August (**Required** for all students).

**Program Dates:** September through May each year, for two years

**Scheduled Breaks:** Last week of December and first week of January (two weeks); first week of March (one week). Check your registration for exact dates.

### Post-Graduation

**Work Permit length:** Up to 3 years.

**Schedule:** Classes: Monday to Friday as early as 8:30a.m and as late as 5:30 p.m..  
Practicums: will vary, but could be as early as 8:00 a.m. and as late as 6:00 p.m.

**Campus Location:** 1430 Victoria Avenue East, Brandon, Manitoba. See campus information [here](#)

### What You'll Study:

All students will complete a "College Foundations" online course to develop the skills and attitudes of a successful Canadian student and employee.

Learn the skills to provide care *and* intellectual stimulation to young children, and to foster physical, emotional and social growth.

Study curriculum planning in areas like art, language, literature, music and science, Learn about child development, guiding children's behavior and inclusion of children with special needs. Explore critical issues like family dynamics and child abuse.

Develop your own communications, writing, leadership and professional skills.

See course descriptions [here](#). Click on the "Courses & Costs" tab.

See PDF document on [this page](#).

### How You'll "Learn By Doing"

Work in groups to solve problems and complete case studies.

Observe children in the classroom/lab setting.

Complete sample lessons and activities to show your understanding of theory.

Collaborate with community partners on projects, industry field trips and guest speakers.

Research childcare theory and issues and write term papers.

Observe professionals in childcare centres. Then apply your learning and demonstrate your skills in four (unpaid) practicum placements.

See video about the program [here](#).

### **What You'll Need to Do to Graduate**

**Attend all classes:** participate in activities, ask questions, complete all evaluations. Do **not** plan vacation/a trip home outside of regularly scheduled college breaks.

**Purchase all required books and supplies.**

**Pass all courses.** Re-doing graded assignments are **not** an option. If you fail a course, it may not be available again until the following year and/or you could become a part-time student.

**Pass all courses with 66% minimum and maintain a Grade Point Average of 2.0, minimum.**

**English only during class.** All English skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking) are important. Evaluation could include tests, research papers, group projects, and presentations in English.

**No personal cell phone use during class.**

**Do your own work.** Cheating, not referencing sources of your ideas, or using other people's work (current or previous) will result in failing grades, probation or suspension.

**Be respectful** of all students and staff.

**Manage physical demands** such as lifting children. You will also need to be prepared for unpleasant weather for outdoor activities with children and during some course work.

Share work of maintaining labs, including **cleaning**.

**Ask for help** when you need it!

### **How Assiniboine College Can Help You**

Trained instructors will share their knowledge and experience from the industry, and will give you frequent and specific feedback on your progress.

Learning Commons staff can assist with study and test taking skills, mathematics, writing reports or term papers, and some tutorial support.

Student advising staff offer support for academic planning and can refer you to resources outside the college such as counselling, housing, and other supports.

A Regulated International Student Immigration Advisor can answer questions related to permits.

### **Job Options for Graduates**

Positions are available in a variety of settings, including infant, preschool and school-age programs, nursery schools, Head Start, and other Child and Family resource facilities.

Most jobs will have physical demands like in the program and will involve some time outside.

Some jobs will require evening and weekend work and/or long hours of work.

**Possible** jobs on Manitoba In-Demand Occupations list: [4214 – Early childhood educators and assistants](#)

### **Other Important Information**

**"Co-op work permit"** will be required by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada before you start the practicum placement in Winter term of Year 1. Apply for this **early**, as processing time is very long! See IRCC webpage [here](#).

**This program is provincially accredited** by Child Care Qualifications and Training Committee (CCQTC).

Graduates are eligible: for classification from Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care as an Early Childhood Educator Level 2 (ECE II).

If you have your own vehicle, and driver's license, there may be some travel to out of town practicums.