

Early Childhood Studies

program information & planning sheet



Important Information 2026-2027

What courses do I need to complete in order to graduate?

You must complete 20 credits, including the following:

- 17.0 credits / 32 Core Courses
- 1.5 credits / 3 General Electives
- 1.5 credits / 3 Restricted Electives

How do I complete one of the specialization options? Is it required?

Students can choose to complete one of three optional specializations. Completing a specialization is **not required**. The specialization is earned upon completion of all courses in the program. To complete a specialization, three restricted elective courses need to be taken in a particular area:

Children's Futures (CF)	Infant & Child Mental Health (MH)	Pathway to Child Life (CL)
ECS*3150 - Ethics & Privacy with Children	ECS*3190 - Developmental Neuroscience	ECS*2030 - Development in Adolescence
ECS*3160 - Technology & Innovation	ECS*3230 - Social Epigenetics	ECS*3120 - Introduction to Child Life
ECS*3170 - Designing for the Future	ECS*3300 - Grief & Loss	ECS*3300 - Grief & Loss

If students do not want to complete a specialization, the three courses can be taken across different areas of emphasis. Students pursuing a specialization in one of these areas must complete and submit an **Area of Emphasis Declaration Form** online. Specialization course options are scheduled by semester in the Program Plan below.

Is there a Field Placement in the ECS Program?

Yes. Starting in the first year, students receive workplace experience through six progressive practicum placements in early childhood and educational settings across the GTA. Students will be considered 'professionals in training' and performance expectations will increase according to the semester level. Throughout the placements, students participate in classroom seminars to critically analyze and share their experiences.

I am a Transfer Student. How do I know which courses I can select?

Transfer students earning 10.0+ block transfer credits from a high affinity Early Childhood Studies diploma should not use this Program Plan. Instead, refer to the **Transfer Program Plan** on our website according to course delivery format (e.g. part-time, full-time, online, etc). If less than 10.0 transfer credits were earned, courses noted on the **Official Transfer Credit Assessment** can be crossed off from this document below. Transfer students should connect with their Academic Advisor to confirm their course sequencing in advance of course selection.

Where can I go for more information?

Visit your Academic Advisor, **Jenni Mastroianni (A-Z)** in GH108 during office hours. Call 416.798.1331 x6288 to speak with the front desk, or email your questions to advisors@guelphhumber.ca. You can also use our online booking system at: <https://www.guelphhumber.ca/advising/advisors>

For more support, visit the **Learning Support Peers (LSPs)** in the Learning Commons or email them at lsp@guelphhumber.ca.

Visit our **Frequently Asked Questions** webpage for more information on Course Selection and Enrollment, Degree Requirements, Academic Consideration/Accommodations, Academic Standing, and Academic Resources.



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Note: This program plan has been designed to assist you with course selection and program planning. In the case of any discrepancies between this document and the approved Schedule of Studies, the Schedule of Studies (as found in the Academic Calendar at www.guelphhumber.ca) will serve as the official record.

Semester 1 / **Fall**

Course Code	Course Name	Prerequisites	Credit
AHSS*1130	Principles of Sociology		0.5
ECS*1000	Foundational Theories & Practice		0.5
ECS*1010	Infant & Toddler Development		0.5
PSYC*1110	Introduction to Psychology		0.5
	General Elective		0.5

Semester 2 / **Winter**

Course Code	Course Name	Prerequisites	Credit
ECS*1080	Field Preparation and Professional Readiness	ECS*1000	0.5
ECS*1050	Early & Middle Childhood Development		0.5
ECS*1060	Health & Safety in Early Childhood Settings		0.5
ECS*1070	The Science of Play	ECS*1010	0.5
	General Elective		0.5

Semester 3 / **Fall**

Course Code	Course Name	Prerequisites	Credit
ECS*2010	Observational Pedagogies: Reflection & Documentation	ECS*1010, ECS*1080, ECS*1050	0.5
ECS*2050	Pedagogical Practices & Planning I: Early Childhood	ECS*1010, ECS*1050, ECS*1070	0.5
ECS*2080	Social Justice in the Field of Early Childhood Studies	2.0 credits	0.5
SCMA*2020	Basic Concepts in Anatomy & Physiology		0.5
SCMA*2040	Research Methods for Social Science	3.0 credits	0.5

Semester 4 / **Winter**

Course Code	Course Name	Prerequisites	Credit
ECS*2040	Foundation Practicum	ECS*1080, ECS*1050, ECS*2050	0.5
ECS*2060	Pedagogical Practices & Planning II: School-Age	ECS*2050	0.5
ECS*2070	Children with Exceptionalities	ECS*1070	0.5
ECS*2100	Infant & Child Mental Health	ECS*1010, ECS*1050	0.5
	General Elective		0.5

Semester 5 / Fall

Course Code	Course Name	Prerequisites	Credit
ECS*3030	Intermediate Practicum I *2 days per week*	ECS*2040, ECS*2070	0.5
ECS*3090	Family Perspectives	ECS*2100	0.5
ECS*3100	Implementing Interventions for Children	ECS*2070	0.5
ECS*3110	Mental Health & Trauma	7.5 credits	0.5
SCMA*3040	Quantitative Methods for Social Science	SCMA*2040	0.5

Semester 6 / Winter

Course Code	Course Name	Prerequisites	Credit
ECS*3060	Intermediate Practicum II *2 days per week*	ECS*3030	0.5
ECS*3080	Assessment & Intervention with Children & Families	10.0 credits	0.5
ECS*3200	Supporting Children's Voices: Strategies for Professionals	10.0 credits	0.5
ECS*3210	Children's Rights, Law & Policy	10.0 credits	0.5

Choose One:

Only select **ONE** (0.5 credits) ECS Restricted Elective / Specialization Course

ECS*3150	Ethics & Privacy with Children <i>Children's Futures</i>	10.0 credits	0.5
ECS*3300	Grief & Loss <i>Infant & Child Mental Health</i>	10.0 credits	0.5
ECS*3120	Introduction to Child Life <i>Pathway to Child Life</i>	10.0 credits	0.5

Semester 7 / Fall

Course Code	Course Name	Prerequisites	Credit
ECS*4010	Inter-Professional Collaboration	12.0 credits	0.5
ECS*4070	Advanced Practicum I *2 days per week*	12.0 credits including: ECS*3060	1.0
ECS*4100	Advocacy & Leadership	12.0 credits	0.5

Choose One:

Only select ONE (0.5 credits) ECS Restricted Elective / Specialization Course

ECS*3160	Technology & Innovation Children's Futures	10.0 credits	0.5
ECS*3230	Social Epigenetics Infant & Child Mental Health	ECS*2100	0.5
ECS*2030	Development in Adolescence Pathway to Child Life	ECS*1050	0.5

Semester 8 / Winter

Course Code	Course Name	Prerequisites	Credit
ECS*4030	Professional Issues in Early Childhood Studies	14.0 credits	0.5
ECS*4040	Program Development, Administration, & Evaluation	12.0 credits	0.5

Choose One:

Only select ONE (0.5 credits) ECS Restricted Elective / Specialization Course

ECS*3170	Designing for the Future Children's Futures	10.0 credits	0.5
ECS*3190	Developmental Neuroscience Infant & Child Mental Health	ECS*2100	0.5
ECS*3300	Grief & Loss Pathway to Child Life	10.0 credits	0.5

Choose One:

Only select ONE (1.0 credits) of the following courses

ECS*4080	Advanced Practicum II *2 days per week*	ECS*4070	1.0
ECS*4800	Honours Research Seminar in Early Childhood Studies	15.0 credits, 80% cumulative average	1.0