[Children playing with toys]  
“The first thing I'll say to a high school student interested in Early Childhood Studies is - you don't need to know at 17 what you're going to do for the rest of your life, you just need to know if you like working with kids. That's where we start our journey.”

[Student talking]  
“Being in the ECS program was like a dream come true uh you learn about you know the different milestones that children go through you learn about inclusive environments you learn about how much the family plays a role and there's just been so much that I've been able to learn and it's been amazing.”

[Dr. Nikki Martyn talking. camera moves to classroom to a close up of a student working on her computer, pans to another student typing on the keyboard]  
In Early Childhood Studies at the University of Guelph-Humber we learn about the whole child. We learn about all that influences a child and how they grow and develop. We learn about the importance of family and community and the world in general and we bring that opportunity to our students through academics, through theory, through research and through understanding the latest and most innovative pedagogical practices not only in Ontario but across the world. And then we back that up with almost 800 hours of field placement experience which allows our students to constantly be in the field working with children.”
1:12 - 1:42

[Student talking, camera moves outdoors to show two students walking and then moves back for a close up of student]

“The 800 hours have been probably the best 800 hours of my life uh each placement offered a unique perspective it's definitely helped me grow and you know encounter situations that I wouldn't in a classroom I mean with my experience and various different placements that I've had I've definitely gotten a chance to open my eyes a little bit to a different part of the world that I feel like sometimes won't get covered in class or that experience can't be replicated as opposed to when I do it hands-on.”

1:43-2:07

[Dr. Nikki Martyn talking as camera shows students typing on their keyboards]

“This program is so full of opportunities. You graduate with a bachelor of applied science in Early Childhood Studies from the University of Guelph. That means you can continue on to graduate school if you like. You can study further in the field of occupational therapy, as a child life specialist, or go on to teacher's college. You also get a diploma from Humber College in Early Childhood Education which allows you to become a registered early childhood educator and work right away.”

2:08 - 2:46

[Close up of student. Camera moves to classroom to show instructor in the class, to close up and camera shows student walking up the stairs]

“I got into the program and you know I started looking for my professors who were kindergarten teachers and it just turned out that I couldn't find them I found behavioral therapists I found professors doing gender studies within children I found early interventionists and there's all these fields that I had no idea existed and I think it was my first year that I finally realized that Early Childhood Studies is actually such a broad field the opportunities are endless and I feel like that was one of the biggest highlights of being in the Early Childhood Studies program knowing that I knew that I wanted to work with children and from there I could basically go wherever I wanted.”
“Our program is all about understanding and supporting the child and really you know understanding what the child who the child is within the context of their environment. And if we can understand who children are, why they are, look at their growth and development we can encourage the best of them and in essence change the world.”