

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY

Bachelor of Applied Science in Early Childhood Degree and Diploma in Early Childhood Education?

Program Specific Skills:

- Ability to collaborate with families and community members
- Knowledge of education theories and practice, human development, and educational psychology
- Adapt to children with special needs within the classroom and curriculum
- Need to be creative and resourceful in planning activities that will help children develop and build their self-esteem, as well as keep them interested and motivated
- Understand how children learn and develop cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally
- Must be patient, communicative, and truly enjoy working with children and teaching creatively, in an engaging manner
- Talk to parents to learn about a child's home environment, including culture and language
- Responsible for disciplining children appropriately, keeping them safe, and regularly evaluating their progress

Transferable Skills:

- Ability to problem solve and think quickly in emergency situations
- Understand group dynamics
- Adapt teaching styles to learning styles
- Become a leader and role model
- Ability to give clear instructions and explanations
- Ability to work with diverse populations

Career Options (Some may require further education):

- Municipal child care services
- Program coordinator
- Special needs worker/specialist
- Speech/language pathologist
- Teacher (elementary, middle and high)
- Volunteer coordinator
- Youth worker
- Child development counsellor
- Day care coordinator
- Early intervention consultant
- Early learning centers
- Family support supervisor
- Parent educator
- Psychiatric center
- ESL teacher
- Nanny
- Dietitian/nutritionist
- Child care center cook
- Home day care settings
- Montessori teacher
- Child care assistant
- Family resource center
- Infant parent program
- Children's developmental rehabilitation
- Preschool communication service
- Social worker

Potential Designations, Certifications:

- RECE (Registered Early Childhood Educator)
- Registered Teacher, Ontario College of Teachers
- CASLPA (Canadian Association of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists)
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Some Graduate School Options:

- MSW (Master of Social Work)
- Master of Child and Youth Studies
- MA (Psychology)

Job Search Web Sites:

- ghworks.guelphhumber.ca
- www.careeredge.ca
- <http://talentegg.ca>
- www.jobbank.gc.ca
- <http://jobsearch.educationcanada.com>
- www.charityvillage.com

Association Web Sites:

- **AECEO --- Association of Early Childhood Educators, Ontario** (Regional: Toronto, ON) <http://www.aeceo.ca>
- **CAILC --- Canadian Association of Independent Living Centres** www.cailc.ca
- **CAP --- Canadian Association of Principals** (National: Ottawa, ON) www.cdnprincipals.org
- **CASLT --- Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers** www.caslt.org
- **CASAA --- Canadian Association of Student Activity Advisors** (National) www.casaaleadership.ca
- **CAUT --- Canadian Association of University Teachers** (National: Ottawa, ON) www.caut.ca
- **CCCF --- Canadian Child Care Federation** (National: Ottawa, ON) www.cccf-fcsge.ca
- **CCAEC --- Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education** www.ccaecanada.org
- **CEA --- Canadian Education Association** www.cea-ace.ca
- **CANSCAIP --- Canadian Society of Children's Authors, Illustrators, and Performers** www.canscaip.org
- **CMHO --- Children's Mental Health Ontario** (National: Toronto, ON) www.kidsmentalhealth.ca
- **Council of Canadian Child and Youth Care Associations** (National) www.cyccanada.ca
- **Funders Alliance for Children, Youth and Families** www.atkinsonfoundation.ca
- **OACYC --- Ontario Association of Child and Youth Counselors** www.oacyc.org
- **OACAS --- Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies** www.oacas.org
- **OTF --- Ontario Teacher's Federation** www.otffeo.on.ca

International Web Sites

- **AWID --- Association for Women in Development (US)** www.awid.org
- **CASE --- Council for Advancement and Support of Education (US)** www.case.org
- **Community Development Society (US)** www.comm-dev.org