

Early Childhood Education



Early Childhood Education (ECE) Dual Credit Pathway Objectives

This Pathway enables students to earn both secondary school graduation credits and post-secondary credit and/or credentials which may be transferrable to additional post-secondary studies and/or credentials.

Pathway Summary

Duration: Two evenings per week (5-8pm), September to April of Grade 12 (UFV Fall and Winter semesters).

Prior to Start of Pathway: Successful completion of all Grade 10 and Grade 11 graduation-required courses; recommend 70% or higher in all academic courses including English Language Arts 11 and Math 11. Enrolled in English Language Arts 12 in semester 1 of Grade 12; must complete ELA 12 with minimum of 67%. Must complete 4 credits in Indigenous focused coursework.

Location: Fall semester at UFV Abbotsford – King Road (Abbotsford); Winter semester at UFV Abbotsford – King Road and Langley Education Centre.

Transportation*: Responsibility of student. Taxi provided to Langley.

Equipment & Textbook costs*: Approximately \$300.

*Subject to change

- UFV Courses include: ECE 100 (Human Development), ECE 103 (Introduction Observing and Recording of Behavior of Young Children), ECE 101 (Introduction to Early Childhood Education) and CMNS 125 (Communicating Professionally to Academic & Workplace Audiences).
- After successful completion of Fall Semester Pathway courses, students may apply for Early Childhood Assistant Certification (ECAC) through the provincial ECE Registry and to be eligible to work as an Early Childhood Assistant (ECA). Average \$20/hr.
- Students may elect to enroll in Work Experience 12, a course where they complete 100-120 hours of work experience in the field related to their career goal, as well as up to 20 hours of school-based orientation and safety instruction.
- During the Pathway, students can also apply to the Early Childhood Education Certificate Program at UFV to continue their studies towards an ECE credential after Grade 12 graduation.
- Upon successful completion of all Pathway courses, students will earn:
 - ❖ 12 UFV credits that can be used towards fulfilling requirements of the ECE Certificate or ECE Diploma, or another UFV credential program such as Bachelor of Arts – Child and Youth Care or Bachelor of Social Work. Students should consult a UFV Academic Advisor to plan their future coursework.
 - ❖ 16 Grade 12 elective credits toward Secondary School Graduation (Dogwood Diploma).

To learn more about this opportunity contact Abbotsford District Career Programs at 604-504-4618 ext 1802.

Employment & Career Opportunities

Early Childhood Assistants and Early Childhood Educators can find work in daycares, preschools, nursery schools, special needs centres, public schools, and infant or toddler centres. To be employed in this field, a criminal record check and proof of immunizations will be required.

Career opportunities also exist with community services, governmental organizations, hospitals, and parks and recreation departments.

To learn more about career opportunities in ECE, visit: <https://www.workbc.ca/Jobs-Careers/Explore-Careers/Browse-Career-Profile/4214>