

# BACHELOR OF CHILD AND YOUTH CARE

(with diploma exit)

Faculty of Health and Community Studies  
Department of Child and Youth Care  
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Many young people experience neglect, abuse, emotional distress or family breakdown. Helping young people and their families overcome emotional and behavioural problems is the child and youth care worker's role. The Bachelor of Child and Youth Care program equips students with the foundational knowledge and skills for professional practice with at-risk youth, their families and their community.

In years one and two, foundational courses with a personal-growth focus prepare students to form helping relationships with youth and families through effective communication and an understanding of adolescent and lifespan development, family dynamics and activity programming. Child and youth care methods, communication and counselling, and family support and intervention courses prepare students for entry-level positions in the field. Field placements provide the opportunity to apply coursework to practice settings. Students may choose the diploma exit option at the end of year two.

Years three and four prepare students for advanced practice in intensive programs with children, youth and families with multiple, complex challenges through courses on abuse and neglect, substance abuse, law and social services, and advanced methodology in individual, group and family practice. Research, statistics, advanced field placement and arts and science courses complete degree level education and prepare students for more complex positions and graduate programs in child and youth care.

## Career Potential

Sensitive, well-educated and knowledgeable graduates are in demand across Canada. Graduates could enjoy rewarding careers as youth workers, family support workers, out-of-school care workers, child/youth care workers/counsellors, Children's Service case workers or family-school liaison workers. Work settings include treatment centres, group homes, youth centres, mental health centres, family support programs, community-based programs, foster care and schools. Diploma exit students (after successful completion of year two) are prepared for entry-level, front-line positions. Degree graduates (after successful completion of year four) are prepared for positions as advanced front-line child and youth care practitioners or for supervisory positions.

Students presenting a completed Bachelor of Child and Youth Care degree from MacEwan University are eligible to apply to the Master of Arts in Child and Youth Care program at the University of Victoria.

## Transferability

### Internal Opportunities

MacEwan University is committed to providing bridging and laddering opportunities to its certificate and diploma graduates. Students who opt for the Child and Youth Care diploma exit may be granted up to 39 credits to the Bachelor of Arts degree. Graduates of the following MacEwan

University certificate and diplomas may be granted up to 75 credits to MacEwan University's Bachelor of Child and Youth Care degree:

- Special Needs Educational Assistant certificate (30 credits)
- Child and Youth Care diploma (60 credits)
- Disability Studies: Leadership & Community diploma (57 credits)
- Early Learning and Child Care diploma (51 credits)
- Social Work diploma (75 credits)
- Mental Health diploma (51 credits)

Students are advised to consult a program advisor for specific admission requirements.

## External Opportunities

All courses completed for the Bachelor of Child and Youth Care degree are credit courses and may be transferable individually toward further study at other Alberta institutions. Students presenting a completed diploma from this program may also be eligible for a block transfer to other Alberta institutions. For current, detailed information on individual course and diploma transferability, refer to the Learner Pathways System at [www.transferalberta.ca](http://www.transferalberta.ca) (<http://www.transferalberta.ca>) or contact the receiving institution directly.

Students presenting a completed diploma from this program are eligible to apply to the Child and Youth Care programs at the University of Victoria, Vancouver Island University and the University of the Fraser Valley.

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## Categories of Admission

Applicants may be admitted to one of the following:

### Regular Admission

*To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar*

Applicants must have a minimum overall average of 65 percent, with no course grade lower than 50 percent, in the following high school courses:

1. ELA 30-1
2. Four subjects from Group A, B, C, or D

### Notes:

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to present a broad range of subjects in order to benefit from the breadth of learning and to increase flexibility of future program and course choices.
- A maximum of two Group B subjects may be presented; they must be from different disciplines.
- A maximum of one Group D subject may be presented. Group D subjects used for admission must be 5-credit or any credit combination of at least 5 credits (e.g. two 3-credit subjects).

## Mature Admission

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicants must be 20 years of age or older and have been out of full-time high school at least one year by the beginning of the intake term. Applicants must have the following:

- ELA 30-1 with a minimum grade of 65 percent (or equivalent) OR
- Six credits of university-level English with a minimum grade of C-

## Previous Post-Secondary Work

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Admission in this category does not imply or guarantee the transfer of any coursework and/or credential unless a block transfer agreement (internal or external) is in effect and published in the calendar by the Office of the University Registrar. In addition, transfer of coursework does not imply or guarantee that an applicant will be admitted.

Applicants must have successfully completed one of the following from a recognized institution:

- A Child and Youth Care Diploma or a related Certificate or Diploma.

OR

- Other related certificates or diplomas

OR

- A minimum of 24 university-level credits with a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Note: Priority will be given to graduates from a Child and Youth Care diploma program.

## Additional Admission Criteria

All applicants must meet the following:

### 1. English Language Proficiency

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

#### Applicable to All Admission Categories

All applicants must meet an acceptable level of English language proficiency. We will require official documents such as high school or post-secondary transcripts or proof of successful completion of standardized language evaluation. Full details are available in MacEwan University's academic calendar or online at [MacEwan.ca/ELP](http://MacEwan.ca/ELP) (<http://MacEwan.ca/ELP>).

### 2. Other Admission Criteria

To be evaluated through the Program

#### Applicable to All Admission Categories

Applicants offered admission are required to submit the following:

- A clear Police Information Check (or equivalent from another policing agency) that includes a Vulnerable Sector Search. The Police Information Check must be submitted by the published document

deadline and have been issued within three months of the start of the program intake term.

- A current Standard First Aid and Level C CPR certification.

## Program of Study

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year I</b>		
CYCW 100	Adolescent Development	3
CYCW 101	Helping Skills	3
CYCW 102	Integration Seminar	1
CYCW 103	Field Placement	2
CYCW 104	Activity Programming	2
CYCW 106	The Child and Youth Care Professional	3
CYCW 107	Child and Youth Care Practice	3
CYCW 108	Diversity and Difference in Child and Youth Care Practice	2
CYCW 110	Integration Seminar	1
CYCW 111	Field Placement	2
CYCW 112	Family Dynamics	2
CYCW 114	Individual Counselling	3
Three credits of university English (includes WRIT 101)		3
Credits		30
<b>Year II</b>		
CYCW 200	Child/Youth Care Methods I: Current Trends	3
CYCW 201	Child and Youth Care Practice in Mental Health	3
CYCW 202	Integration Seminar	1
CYCW 203	Field Placement	4
CYCW 204	Group Work	3
CYCW 205	Issues in Family Work	3
CYCW 206	Child/Youth Care Methods II	3
CYCW 207	Integration Seminar	1
CYCW 208	Field Placement	4
CYCW 209	Family Support and Intervention	2
CYCW 211	Development Across the Lifespan	3
Credits		30
<b>Year III</b>		
CYCW 302	Advanced Child and Youth Care Practice I: Linking Theory, Self and Ethics	3
CYCW 303	Advanced Child and Youth Care Practice II: Relational-Centred Case Planning	3
CYCW 339	Applying Developmental Theory in Child and Youth Care Practice I	3
CYCW 340	Advanced Child and Youth Care Frameworks: Coalitions across Social Contexts	3
CYCW 350	Law and Social Services	3
CYCW 360	Abuse and Neglect	3
CYCW 361	Substance Abuse	3
Three credits of university English		3
Arts and Science Electives		6
Credits		30
<b>Year IV</b>		
CYCW 411	Advanced Field Placement I	3
CYCW 412	Advanced Field Placement II	3
CYCW 423	Child and Youth Care Research	3
CYCW 425	Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis	3
CYCW 465	Advanced Child and Youth Care Practice with Community Groups	3
CYCW 466	Advanced Child and Youth Care Practice with Families	3
CYCW 474	Advanced Child and Youth Care Practice with Individuals	3
Arts and Science Electives		9
Credits		30
Total Credits		120

The minimum passing grade for a course at MacEwan University is a D unless otherwise noted next to the appropriate course in the program of study.

## Course Substitutions

Credit Earned in:	May Be Substituted for Credit in Program Course:
CORR 100	CYCW 101
CORR 112	CYCW 114
ECDV 110	CYCW 100
ECDV 115	CYCW 101
ECDV 160	CYCW 211
ECDV 165	CYCW 101
ENGL 100	ENGL 111
ENGL 101	ENGL 111
ENGL 102	ENGL 111
ENGL 103	ENGL 111
ENGL 105	ENGL 111
ENGL 108	ENGL 111
INTD 105	CYCW 101
MHST 101	CYCW 101
MHST 103	CYCW 100
MHST 123	CYCW 114
PSYC 223	CYCW 100
PSYC 223	CYCW 211
RPPR 103	CYCW 101
SOWK 102	CYCW 101
SOWK 110	CYCW 107
SOWK 202	CYCW 114
TAST 101	CYCW 100
TAST 107	CYCW 201
TAST 117	CYCW 201

## Degree Regulations

### Academic Residency - Exemption

A student entering year three of the Bachelor of Child and Youth Care degree with a diploma from an external institution must complete at least 35 per cent of courses through MacEwan University for degree completion. Challenge examinations, transfer credit and other special assessments (for example, prior learning and recognition) are not included in the 35 per cent.

### Elective Requirements

Coursework for the elective requirements may be 100, 200, 300 or 400 level baccalaureate courses from the Faculty of Arts and Science.

### English Requirement

The English course requirement may be a 100, 200, 300 or 400 level baccalaureate course from the English department.

### Progression of Studies

Students are responsible for ensuring they meet the prerequisite and/or co-requisite requirements as noted on program courses.

## Field Placements

Students must comply with the Work Integrated Learning policy regarding their field placements.

## Police Information Check

A student must meet the specific police information check requirements as set out in the admission criteria for the duration of the program or they may be required to withdraw from the program.