



Early Childhood Education

"ECE" Dual Credit Program

A partnership between Okanagan College and SD's #23 & #58

Early Childhood Educators (ECEC) work as a team to provide a caring, safe and nurturing environment for children 1-5 years of age. This Okanagan College Dual Credit program provides students with 3 introductory courses that provide students with the ability to apply to the provincial registry for the ECE Assistant certification to begin working in a childcare setting. Students will gain knowledge and skills to support children and families with:

- Health and safety practices essential to a childcare center
- Guiding and caring skills that foster respectful interactions with children, parents and colleagues
- Program planning that engages children and sparks their curiosity.

Following high school graduation, students that choose to continue their education after the 3 ECE Assistant courses to earn the ECE diploma will have a reduced course load in the first 2 semesters as they will have already completed 3 of the 12 required first year courses.

Admission Requirements

- Grade 12 student with good attendance and academic standing on a Dogwood graduation plan.

English requirements

- Students are required to complete English 12 in the first semester of grade 12.

Graduation Requirements

A minimum passing grade of 70% in all courses in the program.



Program Outline

- ECDE 122 Health, Safety & Nutrition
- ECDE 113 Child Development 3-12 years
- ECDE 124 Guiding and Caring

School District Pays

- 2022-23 Tuition: \$3,000

Student Pays

- Textbooks: \$300 (approximately)

*All program costs are approximate and subject to change without notice

*Other Expenses - Students are responsible for transportation to and from OC for in-person sessions.



Physical Requirements

- Be able to be active on your feet in an active childcare setting for long periods of time.

Recommendations for Success

- Good general physical health
- Work well with others in a team environment
- Good oral and written communication skills
- A caring and compassionate mind set

Sponsorship Requirements for School District Students

- Attend “Student for a Day or Job Shadow” if available.
- Complete the School District application package and hand it into your Career Programs Coordinator
- Meet with Career Coordinator to review program and school district expectations
- Application approved and accepted by School District
- An interview may be required for potential applicants

CONTACTS:

Applications are available at your school Career Centre or www.dualcredit23.com

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