



# Education & Childhood Studies

Launching into possibilities



# Children, youth and adults learning from each other.

Children and youth have an innate desire to make sense of the environment around them. Through exploration, play, interaction and inquisitiveness they discover meaning in the world.

Our Education and Childhood Studies programs, which include Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) as well as an Education Assistant (EA) certificate, let you join children and youth on this journey of discovery. What could be better than helping a person flourish and come into their own?

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

Capilano University's Early Childhood Care and Education programs offer students a range of academic and education courses that support students in thinking deeply about theory and practice in the early years. The program explores current and global issues, examining pedagogical practices through current research and theory.

The ECCE programs provide exceptional education opportunities in this important field. In fact, our ECCE degree program is the *only* one of its kind in Western Canada. Our programs prepare you for a rewarding career in early childhood education. From preschools and child care centres to early learning programs such as *StrongStart*, a vast number of career paths are open to you. You can also move into research

or consulting roles, advocacy or management positions, or contribute to policy development.

And if your goal is to become a kindergarten or elementary school teacher, the ECCE degree program is a wise choice. The program is a recognized pathway into the Elementary Education (PDP) stream in the Faculty of Education at Simon Fraser University and the Teacher Education program at UBC.

## EDUCATION ASSISTANT

The Education Assistant program prepares students to work in inclusive educational settings with children and adolescents, kindergarten to Grade 12, with diverse learning needs.

Since 2001, Vancouver has seen an increase in the number of students identified as having special needs. Working alongside teachers, education assistants help ensure that children and adolescents who present with a wide range of abilities (kindergarten to Grade 12) get the most out of their educational experience.

Capilano University's Education Assistant program emphasizes hands-on training, so that you gain the insight and skills employers are looking for. The part-time program is offered evenings and weekends, so it is flexible enough to fit most schedules.

## CAREER PATH

early childhood educator • education assistant • consultant • research assistant • community care licensing assessor • teacher • educator • advocacy and leadership roles in the early childhood field • supervisory or management staff in childcare organizations

## PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

### Bachelor of Early Childhood Care and Education

4 years (121.5 credits)  
Full-time and part-time

### Early Childhood Care and Education Post-Baccalaureate Diploma

1 year (30 credits)  
Full-time and part-time

### Early Childhood Care and Education Diploma

2 years (62.5 credits)  
Full-time and part-time

### Early Childhood Care and Education Pathway

8 months, full-time (30 credits)

### Education Assistant Certificate

20 months, part-time (30 credits)  
(evenings and weekends)

## One School. Many Worlds.

### Study a wide scope of subjects:

- Child development
- Learning environments
- The value of play
- Family, school and community
- Guiding young children
- Health, safety and nutrition
- Curriculum development
- Teaching strategies
- Observing and recording behaviour
- Child care centre operations
- Leadership, advocacy and policy in ECCE
- Non violent crisis intervention (NVCi) training
- Social justice and ethics in ECCE
- Contemporary issues in ECCE
- Teacher as researcher
- Theoretical perspectives
- Applied theory (including three practicums)

### Enjoy the Cap advantage:

- The ECCE degree program is the *only* one of its kind in Western Canada
- Children's Centre on campus
- Instructors are experienced professionals
- Flexible scheduling to fit your schedule—day, evening and online courses
- Small class sizes give you more face-to-face instruction and training
- An exceptional reputation among employers
- Opportunities for laddering and further training

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