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PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE 2026 – 2027

Early Childhood Education Diploma

The purpose of this program planning guide is to help students track their progress within their chosen program. The information in this planning guide is accurate at the time of printing and is subject to change without notice. It is the students' responsibility to ensure the accuracy of their program and course choice. Students should use the program planning guide dated the year in which they began the program. This guide should be used in conjunction with the official version of the Medicine Hat College Calendar, and calendars of appropriate transfer institutions, which are the final authorities regarding program requirements.

Year One

Fall Semester			Winter Semester		
COURSE	DATE	GRADE	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
ECED 102 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Learning through Play I</i> <u>Sep - Nov</u>			ECED 101 [1.5 CR] (lec): <i>Essentials in Early Childhood Education</i> <u>Jan - Mar</u>		
ECED 120 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Child Development I</i> <u>Sep - Nov</u>			ECED 112 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Learning through Play II</i> Prerequisite: ELCC/ECED 102 <u>Jan - Mar</u>		
ECED 122 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Interpersonal Relations</i> <u>Sep - Nov</u>			ECED 121 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Child Development II</i> Prerequisite: ELCC/ECED 120 <u>Jan - Mar</u>		
ECED 123 [1.5 CR] (lec): <i>Children's Well Being</i> <u>Sep - Nov</u>			ECED 124 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Language and Literacy</i> <u>Jan - Mar</u>		
ENGL 125 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Introductory Report Writing and Speech</i> <u>Sep - Nov</u>			ECED 125 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Child Guidance</i> Prerequisite: ELCC/ECED 105 <u>Jan - Mar</u>		
ECED 105 [4 CR] (pr): <i>Practicum I</i> Prerequisites: ELCC/ECED 102, ELCC/ECED 120, ELCC/ECED 122, ELCC/ECED 123, ENGL 125 or 123 <u>Mid Nov – Mid Dec</u>			ECED 115 [4 CR] (pr): <i>Practicum II</i> Prerequisites: ELCC/ECED 101, ELCC/ECED 112, ELCC/ECED 121, ELCC/ECED 124, ELCC/ECED 125 <u>Mid Mar – Mid Apr</u>		

Please be advised that prerequisite courses require a minimum grade of 'C-' to advance to subsequent courses. Refer below to the 'Continuation Requirements' for details on specific grade expectations. Please note that 'C-' grades do **not** meet the minimum requirements for students intending to continue into the diploma program.

Program Notes

Continuation Requirements:

Admission to the second year of the Early Childhood Education diploma requires:

- Successful completion of the Early Learning and Child Care or Early Childhood Education certificate program from Medicine Hat College or from another accredited Alberta college.
- Completion of all courses with no grade lower than C (2.0).
- Attain an overall GPA of at least 2.3.

For more information or assistance with your program, please contact the Academic Advising office at (403) 529-3819

Year Two

Fall Semester			Winter Semester		
COURSE	DATE	GRADE	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
ECED 201 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Fine Arts</i> Prerequisites: ELCC/ECED 105, ELCC/ECED 115 <u>Sep - Nov</u>			ECED 202 [3 CR] (lec): <i>STEM with Young Children</i> Prerequisites: ELCC/ECED 105, ELCC/ECED 115 <u>Jan - Mar</u>		
ECED 204 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Ecology of the Family</i> Prerequisites: ELCC/ECED 105, ELCC/ECED 115 <u>Sep - Nov</u>			ECED 211 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Infant and Toddler Care</i> Prerequisites: ELCC/ECED 105, ELCC/ECED 115 <u>Jan - Mar</u>		
ECED 206 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Outdoor Pedagogy in Early Learning</i> Prerequisites: ELCC/ECED 105, ELCC/ECED 115 <u>Sep - Nov</u>			ECED 212 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Professional Practice</i> Prerequisites: ELCC/ECED 105, ELCC/ECED 115 <u>Jan - Mar</u>		
ECED 207 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Music and Movement</i> Prerequisites: ELCC/ECED 105, ELCC/ECED 115 <u>Sep - Nov</u>			ECED 213 [3 CR] (lec): <i>Inclusive Care and Education</i> Prerequisites: ELCC/ECED 105, ELCC/ECED 115 <u>Jan - Mar</u>		
ECED 205 [4 CR] (pr): <i>Practicum III</i> Prerequisite: ELCC/ECED 201, ELCC/ECED 204, ELCC/ECED 206, ELCC/ECED 207 <u>Mid Nov - Mid Dec</u>			ECED 215 [4 CR] (pr): <i>Practicum IV</i> Prerequisite: ELCC/ECED 202, ELCC/ECED 211, ELCC/ECED 212, ELCC/ECED 213 <u>Mid Mar - Mid Apr</u>		

Please be advised that prerequisite courses require a minimum grade of 'C-' to advance to subsequent courses. Refer below to the 'Graduation Requirements' for details on specific grade expectations.

Program Notes

Graduation Requirements:

To successfully complete the diploma program, you must:

- Earn at least C (2.0) grades in ELCC/ECED 205 and ELCC/ECED 215.
- Complete all other courses with no grade lower than C- (1.7).
- Attain an overall GPA of at least 2.0.