

Early Childhood Education Program

FIELD PLACEMENT information – Fall 2023 intake

General Information

The two field placements required for this program must be completed in-person. Students are responsible for contacting the placement office to indicate their intent to go on placement. How long it takes for a placement to be approved by the field placement office depends on a variety of factors. Students are encouraged to begin plans for field placement as soon as possible, and at least one semester in advance of when they intend to complete a field placement. Depending on the agency, placement approvals may take several months. For this program, students must be under the supervision of a person with sufficient credentials, such as a Registered Early Childhood Educator in a regulated Early Learning Environment.

Field Placement Prerequisites

ECED 1036	ECED 1033 - Supporting Inclusive Play Experiences ECED 1039 - Creative Expression ECED 1041 - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math and Outdoor Learning ECED 1012- Child Development (birth to 12 years) First Aid-ECED program with a score of P Immunization-ECED with a score of P Health and Safety Certificate with a score of P Vulnerable Sector Police Check with a score of P Concurrent requisite: ECED1031
ECED 2030	ECED 1013 – Experiences in Language Arts ECED 1021 – Math, Science and Creative Art ECED 1030 – Music and Movement ECED 1031 – Field Placement Seminar 1 ECED 1033 - Supporting Inclusive Play Experiences ECED 1035 - Professional Practice and Preparation for Field Placement ECED 1036 – Field Placement: Early Learning 1 - Childcare ECED 2021 - Child Development: Inclusivity and Diversity First Aid-ECED program with a score of P Immunization-ECED with a score of P Health and Safety Certificate with a score of P Vulnerable Sector Police Check with a score of P Concurrent requisites: ECED1029 and ECED2023

Note: Most agencies may require students to provide documentation/certification such as a vulnerable sector screening check, First Aid, CPR, and Immunization Records.

Criminal Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check

Placement agencies require an up-to-date clear criminal reference check and vulnerable sector check prior to going out on placement. Students should obtain their criminal reference three months prior to placement; checks conducted earlier may not be considered current. As some jurisdictions require longer lead-time for processing, please check with the program coordinator to ensure you allow for

sufficient turn-around time. It is the student's responsibility to provide the completed document prior to placement start.

NOTE: A record of criminal offences, for which a pardon has not been granted, may prevent students from completing their placements, thereby affecting their ability to graduate.

Additional pre-requisite information

Applicants may be asked to provide community agencies with proof of completion of Standard First Aid and CPR Level C certification as well as an up-to-date immunization record with a two-step TB test in some circumstances to proceed with field placement. Students are required to review agency requirements provided by the field placement office. Proof of completion of the Ontario Ministry of Labour Health and Safety Awareness training must also be provided before proceeding on field placement.

It is strongly recommended that students accepted into the ECE program have volunteer or past work experience in a licensed childcare setting. This experience orients and prepares the student for their academic work in the ECE program.

Procedure

Students need to contact the Field Placement Office a minimum of one semester prior to the semester they plan to complete a placement and before they reach out to any agencies.

The Field Placement Office will send you the information you need to research and secure a placement along with all supporting documents.

All placement requirements are due the following dates:

- March 30 for a summer semester placement
- July 30 for a fall semester placement
- November 30 for a winter semester placement

When you have located an agency, contact the Field Placement office. Use your Georgian student email account.

Field Placement Office fieldplacement@georgiancollege.ca

Include the following information:

- Your first and last name, student number, and name of program
- Where you would like to complete your placement and if you have transportation to commute to placement
- Identify whether you are preparing for ECED 1036 Field Placement 1 or ECED 2030 Field Placement 2
- Note what semester you are hoping to complete placement

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition

Some students may be eligible for prior learning assessment and recognition (PLAR) for certain courses and/or placements.

For placement, this would require a request to PLAR from either ECED 1036 Field Placement 1 or ECED 2030 Field Placement 2.

In order for a PLAR to be considered for placement, a person who is satisfactorily qualified (typically an RECE), must be supervising the work to be considered for the PLAR.

For each application, students need to submit a resume, proof of employment in the position, job description, and a summary of how the required learning outcomes have been met (confirmed by a supervisor).

You can find information about PLAR on the Credit Transfer Center website at <https://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/> . See “How to apply for PLAR” and “Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition form” under Things you need to know.

Who can I contact for more information?

Website: <https://www.georgiancollege.ca/student-life/student-services/placement-offices/>

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