

Early Learning and Child Care Diploma Program



MaKami College offers an online and in-person Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Diploma Program that gives you the industry-leading knowledge and skills to work in a variety of child care environments.

We are a public, post-secondary college and are included in the Government of Canada's List of Designated Learning Institutions.

About the Program

Make a difference in the lives of children, families and communities with MaKami College's Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Diploma Program.

The ELCC diploma program is a 1-year, full-time program for those who have graduated from MaKami's Early Learning and Child Care Certificate, or an equivalent from another approved institution in Alberta.

Offered in a blended format, including in-person and online classes, workshops and 3 practicums, the course provides students with as much child-facing experience as possible, allowing them to be well-equipped in any childcare setting upon graduation.

This unique program brings a holistic approach to learning, including cultural awareness, and Indigenous ways of knowing and being. This provides a more well-rounded program where students will be better prepared for their careers as educators with an increasingly diverse population in Alberta.

With an emphasis on the use of technology in childcare environments, ELCC diploma students will get their own laptop, and technology components are woven throughout the curriculum, including using daycare operations applications, the use of tech toys, iPad applications, e-books and assistive technology for children with diverse physical and learning needs.

Please refer to your curriculum outline for a complete course list.

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First Aid,
WHMIS &
Food Safety
Included

Student Services

We know being a student can be challenging - that's why MaKami offers full support services for our students from the time they enroll to when they are established alumni.

Each student at MaKami College has access to the Student Advisory Services (SAS) department and the Strategic Academic Learning Team (SALT).

International Tuition Costs

\$16,670 CAD

Program Highlights

- Blended program format so students can study and work at the same time
- Upon graduation, educators with Level 3 certifications may qualify for a Wage Enhancement Grant from the Government of Alberta of \$8.62 per hour on top of an employer's wage.
- Innovative curriculum covers essential knowledge and embraces diverse cultural and educational viewpoints, giving students a truly enriching perspective.
- Industry-specific training that includes learning how to use related technology.
- Interactive online components make learning fun and engaging, ensuring students stay motivated and involved.
- First Aid, WHMIS and Food Safety training are included within the program.

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High Demand
Occupation
Earn \$20-\$28 per hour

School Supplies

Students will receive the following materials when they start the program:

- Brand new laptop
- Microsoft Office 365
- Books and course materials
- Interactive and engaging online learning material through Moodle and other platforms

Admission Requirements:

- Early Learning and Child Care Certificate from MaKAMI College, or equivalent from another approved institution in Alberta.
- Students with credentials from outside Alberta can undergo a Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) process to enter into the Diploma program.

English Proficiency:

Additionally, should the applicant's primary language not be English, then one of the following criteria must be met:

- Completion of previous education with either a High School or Post-Secondary Diploma in an institution where English is the primary language of instruction and communication.
- Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB) Literacy Placement Test with a score of 7 in each of the four competencies: reading/writing/listening/speaking, or equivalent.
- Completion of course in English 30-1 or equivalent with at least 60%, or English 30-2 or equivalent with at least 65% passing grade.
- If the credentials are from outside Canada, the International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS) will be used to assess the equivalencies of the courses submitted.

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