

# Early Learning and Child Care Certificate Program



MaKami College offers an online and in-person Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Certificate 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

MaKami College's Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Certificate Program is a 1-year, full-time program. This flexible program is offered in a blended format, with online and in-person classes, workshops and practicums.

The ELCC program provides a holistic, inclusive and interculturally responsive curriculum. Students will work independently and collaboratively to learn the many components of the child care industry, including educational strategies, child development, learning through play, Indigenous knowledge, health, safety and nutrition and holistic lesson planning. The program also includes First Aid, WHMIS and Food Safety training.

The ELCC program follows a tiered approach, where students who complete the 1-year Certificate can go on to complete the 2-year ELCC Diploma program.

- Blended program format so students can study and work at the same time
- Upon graduation, educators with Level 2 certifications may qualify for a Wage Enhancement Grant from the Government of Alberta of \$5.05 per hour on top of an employer's wage.
- Innovative curriculum covering essential knowledge and embracing 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.

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

\$21,560 CAD

### Standard Admission:

Applicants may be considered for standard admission if they meet all of the following criteria:

1. Minimum 18 years of age at the time of program start
2. Admission interview with the institution
3. Completion of one of the following:
  - Alberta High School Diploma
  - A recognized equivalent

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High Demand  
Occupation  
Earn \$18 - \$23 per hour

## Mature Admission

Applicants who do not meet the standard admission requirements, including homeschool applicants, may be considered through a mature admission pathway.

Eligibility:

- Minimum 18 years of age, and
- Demonstrated readiness for post-secondary study through meeting one or more of the following:
  - Admission interview with the institution
  - Relevant work or volunteer experience
  - Successful completion of a MaKami College approved entrance equivalency exam
  - Completion of post-secondary studies or continuing education, including certificates, diplomas, or degrees.

If the credentials are from outside Canada, the International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS) may be accepted to determine equivalencies.

## Additional Considerations

- Each application is reviewed holistically, recognizing formal education, experiential learning, and demonstrated competencies.
- Mature Admission decisions are based on academic readiness, professional experience, and learner potential, not solely on traditional credentials.

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## Transfer Pathway Admission

Applicants may be eligible for admission and/or advanced standing through a transfer pathway based on prior post-secondary education.

Transfer pathways may include:

### a) Internal Program Transfers

- Graduates or students from MaKami College programs may transfer into another program or cohort subject to:
  - Program relevance
  - Academic standing
  - Credit transfer eligibility
  - Institutional approval

### b) External Transfer Agreements

- Applicants who have completed coursework at recognized post-secondary institutions may be considered for admission and/or advanced standing through:
  - Formal articulation or transfer agreements, where applicable.

### c) Transfer Alberta

- Where applicable, transfer credit may be granted in accordance with Transfer Alberta guidelines.
- Transfer decisions are subject to:
  - Transfer Alberta equivalency listings
  - Institutional policies
  - Program-specific learning outcomes

Transfer credit does not guarantee admission and is assessed on a case-by-case basis. Applicants still are required to meet the program admission standards.

## Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

Applicants may be considered for admission and/or advanced standing through Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR).

PLAR recognizes knowledge and skills gained outside of formal education, including but not limited to:

- Work experience
- Professional certifications or licenses
- Military training
- Volunteer experience
- Non-credit training or workshops

PLAR assessment methods may include:

- Portfolio review
- Skills demonstration
- Challenge exams
- Interviews or competency validation

PLAR decisions are made in accordance with institutional policy and may result in:

- Admission eligibility
- Course exemptions
- Advanced standing

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## English Language Proficiency

Applicants whose primary language is not English must demonstrate English language proficiency. Acceptable evidence includes one of the following (subject to institutional approval):

- 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:
- CELPIP General (Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program) with a minimum score of 7 in each of the four competencies: reading/writing/listening/speaking.
- IELTS General (International English Language Testing System) with a minimum score of 6.0 in each of the four competencies: reading/writing/listening/speaking.
- TOEFL iBT: 53 or 3.5+
- CAEL: 50
- Cambridge: CAE-C, CAE-B, CPE-C
- MELAB: 80
- Can Test: 4.5
- 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.

## Additional Considerations

- MaKami College supports multiple entry points and may recommend upgrading, preparatory studies, or conditional admission where appropriate.
- Official test results must be submitted directly to the institution.
- English language test results must be valid within two (2) years of the date of testing.

For additional information please check your International Student Package.

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