

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 use a laptop during their program, 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:

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

**ELCC students who did not take the MaKami ELCC certificate program will be charged an additional Tech/IT setup fee.*

Standard Admission

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

- Early Learning and Child Care Certificate from MaKami College,
- OR
- Level 2 Early Childhood Education Certification in Alberta

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

- Students that completed the MaKami College Certificate program can be admitted into year 2 of the Diploma program.
- 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

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Transfer Pathway Admission (Cont.)

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.

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

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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