

Honours Bachelor of Child Development (BCD)

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Honours Bachelor of Child Development - Seneca, Toronto, Canada (senecacollege.ca)

Offered at [Newnham Campus](#) and [King Campus](#).

The four-year Honours Bachelor of Child Development degree program prepares you for expansive opportunities across the health, education, and social service sectors. Upon completion of this program, you will be able to pursue careers in family support services, recreation, early learning and education, infant mental health, and early intervention for children and youth with diverse abilities. You will also qualify to register as a member of the College of Early Childhood Educator and practice as a Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE).

BCD Program Learning Outcomes

As a graduate, you will be prepared to reliably demonstrate the ability to:

- Support human growth and development from prenatal to age 12 within diverse sociocultural-historical contexts.
- Design programs, services, and curricula for children, families, and communities informed by contextually relevant research, theories, philosophies, and human histories.
- Implement inclusive programs, services, and curricula across a broad range of complex systems and settings.
- Foster nurturing interpersonal relationships through positive communication to support children, families, communities, and colleagues.
- Promote principles that honour the diversity and equity of all persons, including but not limited to minorities such as: Indigenous peoples, newcomers, persons with exceptionalities, LGBTQ2S, and other groups listed in the Ontario Human Rights Code.
- Analyze information and situations using critical thinking in professional practice.
- Collaborate within interdisciplinary teams across a wide range of professional environments to provide services to children, families, and communities.
- Comply with regulatory standards, ethics, and codes of conduct in professional practice.
- Develop written, visual, and digital media to support a range of communication across professional contexts and audiences.
- Conduct applied research that informs contextually relevant practice.
- Advocate with colleagues, families, and community partners to further the right to justice, dignity, and equity for all persons.
- Engage in reflective practice to support professional growth and learning.

Field Placement

This program has a field placement component in second, third, fourth, and fifth semester.

Students need to have completed the necessary [field placement documents](#) prior to the start of the field placement semester.

Work-Integrated Learning (WIL)

Bachelor of Child Development students require a 14 week, full time work term which is completed between 6th and 7th semesters and requires a minimum of 420 hours of work. Seneca Works and the Work Integrated Learning Coordinator support BCD students to connect with employers and complete their Work Terms with children and families in educational, licensed child cares, early intervention programs, community centers or recreational settings.

Students are able to build the skills required for a successful career in Child Development through the [Work-Integrated Learning](#) experience.

Prior to the WIL term, during the 6th semester, BCD students will take WTP200, a course which prepares students for success in their WIL work term and in their future career.

International Students will require a valid Co-op Work Permit [Co-op Work Permits \(for students in Canada\)](#)

[Seneca Works for Students](#)

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) is an opportunity for candidates to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and experience acquired outside of formal learning for the purpose of recognition for academic credit.

LIBRARY RESOURCES

This **Child Development Guide** identifies articles, government documents, agency websites, and other select resources to support your program.

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[Academic Integrity | School of Early Childhood Education](#)

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Student Resource Guide - School of Early Childhood Education, Faculty of Community & Health