

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP MICRO-CREDENTIAL

Unlock Your Leadership Potential in Early Childhood Education

The Early Childhood Leadership Micro-Credential Program offers the opportunity for professionals in early childhood education to take their careers to the next level.

Developed in partnership with the Halton and Peel regions, this program focuses on leadership, professionalism, collaboration, and advocacy. It's designed for those passionate about positively impacting the lives of young children and aspiring to be leaders in the field.

Jobs in Early Childhood Education

Career opportunities in early childhood education include roles such as an Early Childhood Educator, Childcare Center Director, Preschool Teacher, or Childcare Administrator.

What is Early Childhood Education?

Early Childhood Education (ECE) refers to the teaching and care provided to children from birth to around eight years old, a period considered the most critical in a child's developmental journey. This phase of education lays the foundation for lifelong learning and development. ECE focuses on holistic child development, encompassing cognitive, social, emotional, and physical growth.

In an ECE setting, trained professionals employ a mix of structured learning, play, and exploration to stimulate children's curiosity, creativity, and love for learning. These experiences help children acquire essential skills and knowledge, shaping their personality, worldview, and approach to future learning scenarios.

Early childhood educators play a crucial role in this process, not only imparting knowledge but also fostering a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment that promotes the well-being and growth of every child. With the Early Childhood Leadership Micro-Credential Program, you

can aspire to assume a leadership role in this vital sector, influencing policies, curriculums, and practices to best serve children's evolving needs and potential.

What are the job prospects?

The demand for leadership roles in early childhood education is continually growing. Completing the Early Childhood Leadership Micro-Credential Program can increase your opportunities for career progression and leadership roles within the sector.

Salary Range: Up to \$60/hour

The average salary for an ECE in Canada varies widely depending on the location, the specific role, and the individual's level of experience and education. Experienced ECEs or those in administrative or leadership roles in Ontario earn up to \$60/hr. according to the Government of Canada's Job Bank. Those with additional certifications or in higher leadership positions, such as directors of childcare centers, earn even more.

What functions are performed in Early Childhood Leadership?

Early Childhood Leadership encompasses a variety of critical functions aimed at ensuring the highest quality of early childhood education and care. Key functions include:

Setting Vision and Strategy:

Creating and communicating a strategic

plan for educational programs.

Program Development and Implementation:

Overseeing the creation and execution of high-quality developmental programs.

Team Leadership and Staff Development:

Guiding and mentoring staff, promoting professional growth, and fostering collaboration.

Fostering Community Relationships:

Building relationships with parents, families, and the community, and coordinating with related organizations.

Advocacy:

Working to secure resources, influence policies, and promote awareness about early education.

Administration and Management:

Managing budgets, ensuring regulatory compliance, and implementing continuous improvement procedures.

Professionalism and Ethics: Upholding professionalism and ethics, ensuring a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment.

An Early Childhood Leadership Micro-Credential leads to these job titles:

- Early Childhood Center Director
- Preschool Program Director
- Childcare Administrator
- Lead Early Childhood Educator

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP MICRO-CREDENTIAL FAQs

Program Delivery

The program offers a blended learning approach combining self-directed learning with interactive virtual classes. It consists of six dynamic courses, each approximately 42 hours long, over 12 to 14 weeks. You only need to complete four of the six courses to obtain the Micro-Credential.

What are the admission requirements?

Admission requirements will be provided during the enrollment process. For specific queries, you can contact our Opportunity Centre or email us.

What course should I take first?

All students must start with the Early Childhood Leadership Fundamentals course, which will provide a strong foundation for the rest of the courses.

How many courses are there in the program?

The program consists of six dynamic courses. However, you only need to complete four of the six courses to obtain the Micro-Credential, allowing you to tailor your learning experience to your specific needs and interests.

When does the program start?

Fall, 2023.

If you have any general questions about Continuing and Professional Studies at Sheridan, please feel free to contact our Opportunity Centre at caps@sheridancollege.ca or **905-874-4440**.

How many courses are there in the program?

The program consists of six courses:

- Early Childhood Leadership Fundamentals
- Social Justice and Early Childhood Education
- Human Resource Concepts in Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Leadership – Strategic Communications
- Finance and Administration in Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Leadership Seminar

Are there prerequisites for the courses?

While there are no specific course or program prerequisites, learners will gain the most from the program if they are already in the field and have a degree or diploma from an ECE program.

What is a Micro-Credential?

Micro-credentials certify an individual's achievement in specific skills and differ from traditional education credentials, such as degrees and diplomas, in that they are shorter, can be personalized and help to prepare the student for employment in a specific role.

Why should I consider an Early Childhood Leadership Micro-Credential?

An Early Childhood Education Micro-Credential is an excellent choice for professionals seeking to advance their careers and make a positive impact in the lives of young children. It offers targeted learning, focusing on the specific skills and knowledge required for leadership roles in this field. The program's flexibility allows you to tailor your learning to your needs, ideal for working professionals. It also provides opportunities for networking with peers and mentors, valuable for career progression. The Micro-Credential serves as a recognized testament to your expertise, increasing your appeal to potential employers. Most importantly, it equips you with the ability to make a significant difference in the early childhood education sector, promoting positive childhood development and advocating for quality education.

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