



JOINT PROGRAM

DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES

STREAM C: CHILD DEVELOPMENT & CHILD CARE / EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The University of Winnipeg offers the only degree-granting program in Early Childhood Education in Manitoba. Stream C is a professional program in the area of developmental studies specifically designed for those who wish to obtain advanced early childhood education training.

This joint program is offered in cooperation with either RRC Polytech or the Université de Saint-Boniface. The strength of this program is that it capitalizes on the expertise of each institution, providing a blend of academic and practical experience. You may begin the program at any of the three institutions.

As a student in Stream C, you choose one area of specialization - either Inclusion or Child Care Administration. You also take courses from a variety of different departments, as Development Studies is an interdisciplinary program that draws perspectives and methods from many disciplines.

This program leads to a 3-year **Bachelor of Arts degree** in Developmental Studies from The University of Winnipeg and a 2-year **Diploma** in Early Childhood Education from RRC Polytech or the Université de Saint-Boniface—in only four years. Under the Manitoba Department of Families, graduates of this stream are **eligible for the highest level of classification—Early Childhood Educator III**.

SAMPLE CAREERS

Graduates find employment in government and non-government agencies. Positions include childcare centre personnel, supervisors, and program directors, family and community support facilitators, child-life therapists, or specialists in programs designed for children with developmental delays or additional learning needs.

SAMPLE COURSES

Applied Child Development focuses on the application of theory and research to child development. The course covers research relating to developmental periods before adolescence and discusses implications of these for the practitioner, parent, and professional working both with children who are developing normally and with children who have additional learning needs.

Speech and Language Disorders in Children introduces students to the field of communication disorders in children. Topics include the identification of different types of communication disorders, procedures in the evaluation and treatment of these disorders, and practical experience in clinical report writing and record keeping.

MORE SAMPLE COURSES

- Inclusive Approaches to Teaching Exceptional Students
- Abnormal Behaviour in Children & Adolescents
- Advanced Internship
- Introduction to Business I & II
- Introduction to Human Resource Management

ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN LEADERSHIP IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

Childcare professionals who already have experience in the childcare field may be interested in the advanced diploma program. This program offers a unique combination of courses from the University's Professional, Applied, and Continuing Education (PACE) Division, as well as from Developmental Studies Stream C. For more information, contact Ashlie Wilson, Program Coordinator – Part-Time Programs, PACE Professional Studies, at 204.982.11797 or a.wilson@uwinnipeg.ca.

STUDY PATTERN

Direct Entry

Year 1- 2 – The University of Winnipeg (practicum in Year 2 Spring session at RRC)

Year 3 – RRC Polytech or Université de Saint-Boniface

Year 4 – The University of Winnipeg (specialization courses)

Diploma Entry

Year 1-2 – RRC Polytech or Université de Saint-Boniface

Year 3-4 – The University of Winnipeg

“The passionate and energetic faculty in the Developmental Studies program have helped me acquire the skills, knowledge and leadership abilities that I need to excel in the field of early childhood.”

- Lise Thiessen is currently the Director of Centre-Soleil Inc., a childcare centre in Winnipeg.

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

You must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. No specific courses required.

HOW TO APPLY

For direct entry, apply for admission to the University AND submit a program application with reference letters and autobiography: <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/developmental-studies/applying-for-admission.html>

For diploma entry, apply to RRC Polytech: www.rrc.mb.ca or USB: www.ustboniface.ca. After completing the two-year diploma, apply to UWinnipeg the same way as a direct entry applicant (see above).

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