

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Ministry comes in many different forms. At Columbia Bible College we believe that the field of Early Childhood Education is an important and vital ministry of the church and Christian community. At Columbia, we teach students from a Christian perspective while equipping them with the skills and training needed to be effective workers in the Early Childhood Education field. This major provides students with BC Government approved ECE training in the Basic Level and Post-Basic Level in either Special Needs and/or Infant & Toddler Care. In addition, students are provided with a Biblical foundation and the practical skills required to teach young children in a variety of ECE settings.

Upon completion of 500 hours of approved work in the ECE field, graduates may apply for registration in BC as licensed Early Childhood Educators.

**1 Year Certificate – 58 credit hours plus block practicum**  
This program is completed in three semesters; including a summer semester. The Certificate includes 12 credit hours of Bible and 46 credit hours of the Basic Level ECE training. The Certificate program can ladder into the Diploma in ECE.

**2 Year Diploma – 89 credit hours plus block practicum**  
This program is completed in five semesters, including a summer semester at the end of year one. The Diploma in ECE includes the Basic Level as well as Post-Basic Special Needs and Infant & Toddler Care.

**Post Basic Program** - These programs are available to those who have completed the Basic Level and wish to upgrade to include Special Needs and/or Infant & Toddler Care.

*\*Admission to the ECE program requires a supplement ECE application.*

1 YEAR CERTIFICATE	2 YEAR DIPLOMA		POST-BASIC
CERTIFICATE COURSES	YEAR 1 COURSES	YEAR 2 COURSES	COURSES
GS186 English Composition 3	GS186 English Composition 3	EC380 Admin of Child Care Cen. 4	<u>Special Needs</u>
EC180 Curr. Dev. IV—Sc/Soc/Math 3	EC180 Curr. Dev. IV—Sc/Soc/Math 3	EC381 Health, Safety, & Nutrit II 3	EC380 Admin of Child Care Cen 4
ECE181 Child Growth and Dev I 4	ECE181 Child Growth and Dev I 4	EC382 Working with Families 3	EC381 Health, Safety, & Nutri II 3
ECE182 Child Growth and Dev II 4	ECE182 Child Growth and Dev II 4	EC383 Special Needs Families 1	EC382 Working with Families 3
EC183 Foundations of ECE 4	EC183 Foundations of ECE 4	EC384 Program for Special Needs 4	EC383 Special Needs Families 1
EC184 Guiding/Caring 4	EC184 Guiding/Caring 4	EC385 Child Growth and Dev III 4	EC384 Program for Special Needs 4
EC186 The Learning Child 4	EC186 The Learning Child 4	EC482 Infant/Toddler Families 1	EC385 Child Growth and Dev III 4
EC201 Food Safe 1	EC201 Food Safe 1	EC483 Program for Infants/Todd 4	EC387/388 Spec. Needs Prac. I&II
EC270 Creative Devel. of Children 1	EC270 Creative Devel. of Children 1	EC387/388 Spec. Needs Prac. I&II	<i>Total Credit Hours 19</i>
EC271 Curr. Dev. I—Art 2	EC271 Curr. Dev. I—Art 2	EC487/488 Infant/Toddler Prac. I&II	<b>19 + block practicum completes the Special Needs Post-Basic Diploma</b>
EC280 Comm./Family Relations 2	EC280 Comm./Family Relations 2	ECE Conference II --	<u>Infant &amp; Toddler Care</u>
EC282 Curr. Dev. V—Language & Lit 3	EC282 Curr. Dev. V—Language & Lit 3	BI/TH Electives 7	EC380 Admin of Child Care Cen 4
EC283 Curr. Dev. II—Music 2	EC283 Curr. Dev. II—Music 2	<i>Total Credit Hours 31</i>	EC381 Health, Safety, & Nutri II 3
EC285 Curr. Dev. III—Drama & Puppets 2	EC285 Curr. Dev. III—Drama & Puppets 2	<b>89 + block practicum completes the Diploma</b>	EC382 Working with Families 3
EC286 Health, Safety & Nutrition I 3	EC286 Health, Safety & Nutrition I 3		EC385 Child Growth and Dev III 4
EC187/188/288 Obs. Practicum I/II/III 3	EC187/188/288 Obs. Practicum I/II/III 3		EC482 Infant/Toddler Families 1
EC190/290 Block Practicum I&II --	EC190/290 Block Practicum I&II --		EC483 Program for Infant/Todd 4
EC301 First Aid 1	EC301 First Aid 1		EC487/488 Infant/Todd Prac. I&II
ECE Conference II --	ECE Conference II --		<i>Total Credit Hours 19</i>
TH131 Intro to Biblical Studies 2	TH131 Intro to Biblical Studies 2		<b>19 + block practicum completes the Infant and Toddler Care Post-Basic Diploma</b>
TH132 Intro to Chr Theology 2	TH132 Intro to Chr Theology 2		
TH244 Anabaptist Theology 1	TH244 Anabaptist Theology 1		
BI/TH Electives 7	BI/TH Electives 7		
<i>Total Credit Hours 58</i>	<b>58 + block practicum completes the Certificate</b>		



**GWEN REESE, Program Director, Faculty**  
BA, MRE

Canadian Bible College, 1958-59, 1960-65; Simpson College, BA, 1963-67; Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, MRE, 1976-81. Director of Christian Education (Vancouver, Toronto, Chilliwack) 1967-71; Professor/Registrar/Director of Admissions, Northwest Baptist Theological College, 1972-87; Minister of Church Ministries, North Shore Alliance, 1988-92; Columbia Faculty, 1990-.

*“The ECE program at CBC is an excellent program; the professors and director are all very friendly and approachable. There are many great things that I learned about working with children, and I thoroughly enjoyed the relationships that I made with the other students in the program.”*

Ben – Early Childhood Education Diploma, 2005

*“The ECE program has guided me in a way that has changed my life. With the support and encouragement of the teachers and my director, not only in my career decision, but in my personal life, I was able to listen to God’s calling. The variety of practicum experiences helped shape the direction in which I was heading, and with the practical and applicable knowledge I have gained through the ECE program, I was able to walk into a career with confidence.”*

Amy – Early Childhood Education BA , 2005