

Early Childhood Education (ECED) Ontario College Diploma **PART-TIME ONLINE**

The **Early Childhood Education (ECE) Part-Time Online Program** at Georgian College is designed to support individuals seeking continued education for both personal and professional growth.

This dynamic diploma program caters to:

- Students new to the early learning sector, providing foundational knowledge and skills.
- Experienced professionals working in licensed Early Learning Environments, recognizing their prior learning and experience.

We collaborate with students to develop a **personalized learning plan** that recognizes their previous post-secondary education and work experience. While program requirements are consistent for all students, the pathway to completing the diploma is tailored to individual needs, experiences, and availability. This approach provides a flexible structure that supports students in balancing their education with outside commitments, such as family or work.

Unique Features

- **Fast-Track Option:** Applicants may receive credit for prior work experience and post-secondary education, with the possibility of transferring up to 75% of the diploma program requirements.
- **Fully Online Delivery:** Courses are delivered fully online, except for field placement. Field placement can be completed as either:
 - A full-time, 7-week block placement, or
 - A part-time placement spread over 14 weeks.This flexibility allows students to choose an option that best fits their schedule.
- **High-Quality Education:** The program emphasizes a holistic approach to early learning, equipping students with the knowledge, skills and professionalism needed to support children and families, fostering high quality care and learning that adhere to our professional code of ethics and standards of practice.
- **Experienced Faculty:** Our faculty members bring extensive experience within the profession of early childhood education and care, child development and pedagogical leadership, fostering strong partnerships with early learning community organizations to enhance students learning.
- **Supportive Staff:** Our dedicated team is available to provide timely assistance, ensuring students receive the support they need to succeed in both academic and practical learning experiences.

Funding Supports

The Early Childhood Educators Qualifications Upgrade Program is designed to financially support individuals working in Early Years settings who are pursuing an ECE diploma and seeking eligibility for membership with the College of Early Childhood Educators (CECE). Eligible applicants may receive assistance through an education grant, travel grant, and training allowance.

Georgian's Early Childhood Education Program (for both part-time and full-time learners) has been recognized as eligible for financial support through this program. For more information, please click on the link for additional information [ECE Grants Ontario](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to apply?

Part-time students must apply to this program through ontariocolleges.ca
Use the code ECEX. (This is the program code on OCAS.)

When can I start the program?

Intakes: September, January, May

How many courses do I take?

Full program details can be viewed on the [Program Outline](#).

Graduation requirements

21 Program Courses

2 Communications Courses

3 General Education Courses

2 Field Placements

What does online mean?

The online courses listed in the [Delivery](#) Schedule document displays when courses are offered online *asynchronous* which means no live classes. You can log in to the course whenever it works best for you. Most courses have weekly deadlines you will have to meet. Classes are delivered combining self-directed lectures, group discussions and virtual instructor support. You will not be required to be on campus for any part of the course – all lectures, tests, and exams are online. (NOTE: Field Placements are in-person)

What is the cost of the program?

There is no program fee when studying part-time.

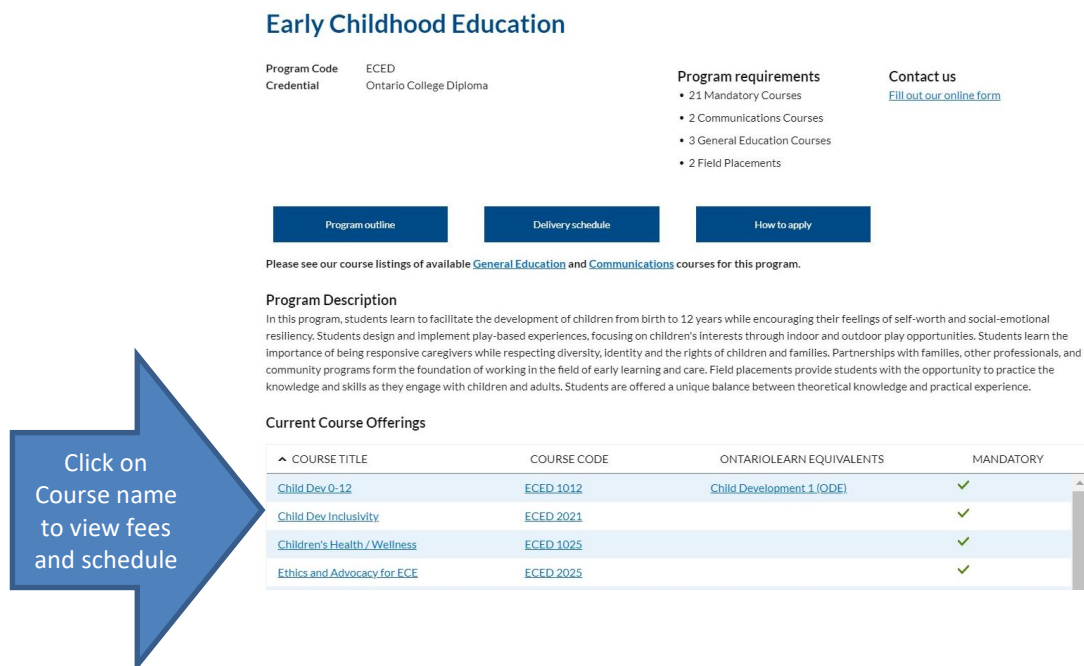
As a part-time student, you can take 1, 2 or 3 courses at a time in any given semester.

Payment is per course, as you register. The course fees change year-to-year and course to course.

The best source for accurate fees is to check the website:

<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/academics/part-time-studies/programs/early-childhood-education-eced/>

See screenshot below.



Early Childhood Education

Program Code: ECED
Credential: Ontario College Diploma

Program requirements

- 21 Mandatory Courses
- 2 Communications Courses
- 3 General Education Courses
- 2 Field Placements

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Please see our course listings of available [General Education](#) and [Communications](#) courses for this program.

Program Description

In this program, students learn to facilitate the development of children from birth to 12 years while encouraging their feelings of self-worth and social-emotional resiliency. Students design and implement play-based experiences, focusing on children's interests through indoor and outdoor play opportunities. Students learn the importance of being responsive caregivers while respecting diversity, identity and the rights of children and families. Partnerships with families, other professionals, and community programs form the foundation of working in the field of early learning and care. Field placements provide students with the opportunity to practice the knowledge and skills as they engage with children and adults. Students are offered a unique balance between theoretical knowledge and practical experience.

Current Course Offerings

COURSE TITLE	COURSE CODE	ONTARIOLEARN EQUIVALENTS	MANDATORY
Child Dev 0-12	ECED 1012	Child Development 1 (ODE)	✓
Child Dev Inclusivity	ECED 2021		✓
Children's Health / Wellness	ECED 1025		✓
Ethics and Advocacy for ECE	ECED 2025		✓

Click on Course name to view fees and schedule

Each course listed links to course sections with fees. See screenshot below.

Creative Expression

ECED 1039

Course description

Students co-create early learning opportunities to foster the development and appreciation of creative arts, including music, dance, visual arts, drama, and storytelling through a variety of experiential learning activities. To promote the value of early creative expression through play, students examine and reflect on a combination of theoretical and practical skills. Students gain foundational knowledge of a child's core development in areas such as language, motor skills, and cognition, as it relates to creative expression. They learn to identify developmentally appropriate materials and experiences that support the transmission of language and culture for children from ages two and a half to eight years

Credits

3

Course Hours

42

Students registering for credit courses for the first time must declare a program at the point of registration. Declaring a program does not necessarily mean students must complete a program. Individual courses may be taken for skill improvement and upgrading.

Contact ol@georgiancollege.ca or call 705.722.1500 for more information.

[OntarioLearn information](#)

Available Courses

Unless stated, the course fee does NOT include the textbook(s). OntarioLearn textbooks can be ordered online through www.textnet.ca

Confirmation letters for each OntarioLearn course is sent to your Georgian [student email](#) with information on how to log in to your course. OntarioLearn courses are not available through Georgian's BlackBoard.

▼ **Creative Expression - ECED 1039**
Monday, Jan. 5, 2026
FULL

CREATIVE EXPRESSION - ECED 1039

Fee: \$328.02
Course registration number: 22996
Start: Monday, Jan. 5, 2026
End: Friday, April 17, 2026

Class times

Days	Times	Building - Room
		Online

Campus: Orillia

FULL

PLEASE NOTE: course section details (like fees/start/end) only show while registration is open.

How do I know which courses to take?

We have set a schedule up for you – review the Delivery Schedule posted on the [program page](#). This schedule lists the Semester (Summer 2026 or Fall 2026 or Winter 2027 etc.) when courses are running online for part-time students. Choose your courses according to what is offered. Try to take Semester 1 courses then Semester 2 courses then Semester 3 whenever possible.

Review the separate Field Placement information on our [program page](#) to ensure you are well prepared to take your Field Placements.

If you are working and feel you may be eligible to use your work experience to PLAR courses, review the PLAR information package on our [program page](#).

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How long will it take to complete the diploma?

No advanced standing (with advanced standing, completion timelines will vary)

Two courses per semester:

4.5 years or 14 semesters

Summer-Fall-Winter-Summer-Fall-Winter-Summer-Fall-Winter-Summer-Fall-Winter-Summer-Fall

Three courses per semester:

Under 3.5 years or 10 semesters

Summer-Fall-Winter-Summer-Fall-Winter-Summer-Fall-Winter-Summer

Can I transfer credits/use prior learning to fast track?

If you have significant work experience you can review our PLAR opportunities in our PLAR package. Please contact Derek Carbone (email below) for the PLAR package.

If you have taken post-secondary at another institution, you may be eligible for credit transfer and/or prior learning recognition (for example, Communications and General Education courses).

If you have taken courses at Georgian in the past and they qualify for this program, they will automatically apply to your credential. You will see these courses in MyPath.

Are part-time students eligible for OSAP?

Part-time students MAY be eligible – this is individual and based usually on number of courses you take per semester. For more information, visit our Financial Aid page:

<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/finance-and-fees/osap-financial-aid/>

Wondering if studying online asynchronously is right for you?

If you are wondering whether studying online is right for you – review the information at the links below as it may be helpful!

<https://tlp-lpa.ca/learning-online>

<https://ecampusontario.pressbooks.pub/learnonline/chapter/chapter-1/>

QUESTIONS? We are here to help!

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