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Program Guide



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## Territory Acknowledgement

The Langley School District serves the Matsqui, Kwantlen, Katzie and Semiahmoo First Nations, The City of Langley, and the Township of Langley. The District is honoured to operate on the unceded, ancestral, and traditional territories of the Máthxwi, ḡʷa:ḥłəḥ, ḡičəḡ, and SEMYOME First Nations.

The University of the Fraser Valley is situated in the traditional territory of the Stó:lō peoples. The Stó:lō have an intrinsic relationship with what they refer to as S'olh Temexw (Our Sacred Land); therefore, we express our gratitude and respect for the honour of living and working in this territory.



## Welcome

Are you passionate about shaping future generations by nurturing young minds? Our Early Childhood Education (ECE) Dual Credit Program offers a unique opportunity for high school students to jumpstart their careers in early childhood education while earning both high school and post-secondary credits.

The program, in partnership with University of the Fraser Valley (UFV), allows students to complete FOUR courses towards their Early Childhood Education Certificate. Students earn these post-secondary credits while also receiving credits towards high school graduation.



# Why This Program?

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- **Patience and Compassion:** Use your empathy to provide a nurturing environment for young children.
- **Creativity:** Apply your imagination to engage children in learning and play.
- **Organizational Skills:** Enhance your ability to manage classroom activities and maintain a structured environment.
- **Enthusiasm and Energy:** Bring a positive and energetic attitude to your work, making learning fun.
- **Make a Difference:** Play a crucial role in the early stages of children's lives, helping to shape their futures and make a lasting impact.

## Develop Professional Skills

- Create a nurturing environment for young children through play and a connection with nature.
- Establish respectful and culturally appropriate indoor and outdoor environments that encourage curiosity and wonder.
- Guide and nurture the social, emotional and physical development of children.
- Learn to adjust your teaching methods to suit different learning styles and needs.

# Timeline



*We connect complex ideas to relevant situations. I love how we dive deep into concepts.*

ECE Student 2024

# Program Prerequisites

Dual Credit programs are only offered to registered SD35 students. At the time of application, students must:

- Be registered and currently attending a school in the Langley School District
- Be 18 or younger on June 30 of application year
- Have not graduated from high school before starting the program
- Be on track to graduate

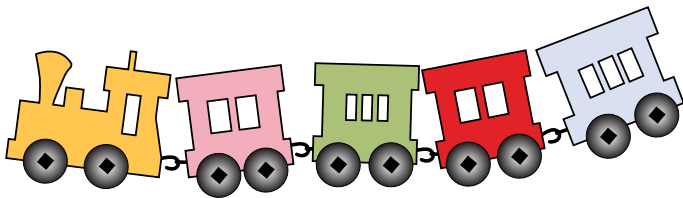
## Prerequisites

Have completed before the start of the program:

- Grade 11
- English 11

Recommended:

- C+ or higher in English 10 and Math 10
- Experience working with children



# Tuition, Program Fees and Credentials Earned

## Tuition and Program Fees

- Tuition is paid by the Langley School District (value of approximately \$2500)
- Student pays approximately \$500 for textbooks and supplies (kept by the student after the program)
- Partial bursary available for students requiring financial assistance

## Credits and Courses

- Credit for 4 post-secondary courses (12 credits)
- Credit for 4 high school courses (16 credits)
- ECE 100: Recognize the major theories of human development, cognitive and social-emotional development from conception through the age of five.
- ECE 103: Implement recording techniques for observing the children's social, play, language, motor, and cognitive development.
- ECE 101: Identify the historical and philosophical influences that have contributed to shaping the current practice of ECE.
- CMNS 125: Develop your ability to effectively communicate with children, parents/guardians and colleagues. This course is transferable to other programs.





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## Career Outlook

- Graduates find work in daycares, preschools, nursery schools, public schools, and infant or toddler centres.
- ECE Dual Credit is a stepping stone to education and social work.
- Early Childhood Educators and Assistants are sixth on the Globe and Mail's list of the 10 jobs expected to be in highest demand in B.C. for the next decade.

## Potential Career Paths

- ECE Assistant: ECE Dual Credit (12 credits)
- ECE Educator: ECE Certificate (49.5 credits)
- ECE Supervisor: ECE Diploma (Additional year after ECE certificate)

## More Info and to Apply

- Contact your school's Career Advisor
- Visit [sd35.bc.ca/careered](https://sd35.bc.ca/careered) for more info including FAQ



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