

Bachelor of Applied Sciences

Child, Youth & Family



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Child, Youth & Family major examines the psychological, social and physical conditions which influence the growth and development of children and adolescents. While the primary focus of the major is on children and youth, the program regards the family as the primary context of development and as the key to successful interventions for children with developmental, behavioural, or socio-emotional difficulties. Courses in child and youth development, physiology, couple and family dynamics, research methodology and statistics are taught by recognized leaders in their fields and provide theoretical and first-hand experience with children and youth.

WHY CO-OP?

As a co-op student, you will gain relevant work experience, build professional networks and develop essential interpersonal skills needed to succeed in the workplace while getting paid and earning your university degree. Guelph's co-op program is unique due to the exceptional level of support provided, including an in-class preparatory course, a personal connection with a Co-op Coordinator to assist you during the employment process, and access to senior student mentors.

COURSE SEQUENCING

In the Child, Youth & Family co-op program, you will participate in three co-op work terms in addition to eight academic semesters throughout your four years at the University of Guelph. This sequencing is viewable below:

YEAR	FALL	WINTER	SUMMER
ONE	Academic	Academic	Off
TWO	Academic	Academic	Work
THREE	Work	Academic	Academic
FOUR	Academic	Work	Academic

SAMPLE JOBS

Below are some examples of past Child, Youth & Family co-op positions.

Residential Care Worker

Duties in this position revolve around creating a comfortable and relaxed environment where youth receive nurturing programming reflective of their interests. You will plan and coordinate community recreational programs for youth while ensuring their safety and welfare at all times. Additionally, this role will require you to maintain professional and confidential relationships with clients, families, and agency officials.

Teaching Assistant

As a Teaching Assistant in a Toddler or Preschool aged setting, you will assist Daycare Teachers in providing high quality daily supervision and programming for children aged 18 months to 5 years. You will also communicate with parents and learn to demonstrate a responsive style of interaction, while working within the philosophical framework of the centre.

Knowledge Repository Assistant

Many duties will be performed in this role to support the maintenance of a company's data and research records. You will verify data, perform quality assurance checks, create new records, and report changes that are needed. Excellent organization and time management skills are required for this position, and you will actively develop your Microsoft Office proficiency, as well as database management knowledge.

Additional Sample Jobs: Human Resources Generalist Trainee, Policy and Research Assistant, Outdoor Education Teaching Intern, Life Skills Assistant, Data/Research Analyst Assistant, Social Media Representative, Communications Assistant, and more.

SAMPLE EMPLOYERS*

- St. Joseph's Health Centre
- Toronto District School Board
- City of Guelph
- University of Guelph, Child Care & Learning Centre
- Gambling Research Exchange Ontario

*This shows a sample of recent co-op employers and will vary depending on employer recruitment needs. During a job search, students are encouraged to be actively engaged and are supported in establishing and maintaining their own personal contacts.

SALARY INFORMATION

Students receive compensation from their employer for co-op work terms. The rate of pay will vary depending on a number of factors including the industry, the student's program of study, and work term level. For your reference, a **Co-operative Education Salary Guide** is available on our website, which provides hourly rates (averages and ranges) for each degree program.

SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED

- Comprehensive background in child development, parent-child relations, family relationships, and research methodology
- Ability to plan and evaluate children and youth programs
- Communication skills to deal clearly and professionally with sensitive social and political issues