Field of Early Childhood Education

The MPEd in the field of Early Childhood Education (ECE) is an in-depth degree designed to provide specialized knowledge and skills to busy professionals whose work includes supporting and leading the education and care of young children from birth to eight years of age.

Key topics include the complexities of working with young children and families, conducting and evaluating Early Childhood Education research, understanding the young child, negotiating curriculum, ethical ECE practice and critical reflection. Each topic helps provide a basis for developing, implementing, evaluating and celebrating curricula with young children.
Why Western Education’s MPEd?

Real-world Focus
Designed for professionals who wish to advance their careers.

Online Delivery
Complete the MPEd online from anywhere in the world.

Continue Working
Continue working while pursuing your degree.

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This two-year, online program is designed for professionals who wish to:

- gain expert knowledge from theory, practice and experience
- build ECE leadership skills to tackle problems of practice
- discover how ECE curriculum methods engage students
- start and finish the degree with a tight-knit group of learners

Engage in the complexities of the ECE field, including pedagogies, philosophies, theoretical frameworks and research methods

Develop an appreciation for the big picture and subtle nuances of ECE pedagogies through exposure to innovative theories that can lead to rich and meaningful learning opportunities for young children.

Become more entrenched in Early Childhood Education

Immerse yourself in ECE, build your confidence and grow your curiosity while enriching your professional networks.

Reconceptualise Early Childhood Education

Rethink traditional models of ECE as you bring in critical perspectives to lead curricular change.

Course Titles

- Understanding the Young Child
- Understanding Early Childhood Education Curriculum
- Understanding Assessment and Evaluation in ECE Settings
- Understanding the Early Childhood Educator
- Understanding Research Methods for Educational Practice
- Understanding Curriculum Leadership for Educational Practice
- Capstone Course

Admission Requirements

- A four-year degree (20 full courses or equivalent) from an accredited university
- Minimum "B" standing (70%) or equivalent in the final two years of study

Notes & Exceptions:

- Bachelor of Education course grades are not used in calculating admission averages
- Applicants with three-year degrees will be considered on a case-by-case basis if seats are available in the program
- Successful experience in a professional setting may be considered in the selection process
- The successful completion of an MPEd degree does not lead to certification with the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) or the College of ECE
- The MPEd degree in the field of Early Childhood Education is intended to meet the needs of practicing educators

Learn More

Interested applicants are encouraged to learn more by visiting our program website, calling the program office or emailing questions to the address below. We look forward to hearing from you.