Honours Human Behaviour – Early Childhood Education Specialization (B.A.Sc.)

This program is offered jointly in partnership by Mohawk College of Applied Arts & Technology and the Department of Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour, McMaster University. Students pursue two qualifications simultaneously, and graduates receive the Ontario College Diploma from Mohawk in Early Childhood Education and the McMaster Honours Bachelor of Applied Science degree.

Program Overview

The Early Childhood Education (ECE) Specialist Program focuses on human behaviour with an emphasis on the development of the whole child. Students will learn to apply collaborative skills to support young children and their families. They will observe, practice and evaluate classroom theories through three field placements. Completion of this program can lead to career opportunities in early childhood education in full day kindergarten, child care and early learning agencies, parent-child drop-in programs and professional resource sites.

ADMISSION

Enrolment in this program is limited and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Selection is based on academic achievement but requires, as a minimum, completion of any Level I program with a Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 including:

- 6 units PSYCH 1X03 (or 1F03), 1XX3
- 0-3 units BIOLOGY 1P03 (or Grade 12 Biology U (SBI4U))
- 0-3 units from MATH 1F03, 1K03, STATS 1L03 (or one of Grade 12 Advanced Functions (MHF4U), Calculus & Vectors (MCV4U), Data Management (MDM4U))

Program Notes:

1. Students are required to attend during the Spring/Summer sessions between Level II & III and Level III & IV.
2. The timing of the Spring/Summer courses may not adhere to the Sessional Dates as published in the McMaster calendar.
3. Professional Practice Placements often require that students have access to a vehicle.
4. Expenses incurred during the professional practice placements are not reimbursed, but at the expense of the student.

HUMAN BEHAVIOUR COURSE LIST

PNB 3Q03 A/B, S; PSYCH 2B03, 2C03, 2E03, 2NF3, 3A03, 3AB3, 3AC3, 3AG3, 3BA3, 3C03, 3CB3, 3CC3, 3CD3, 3F03, 3FA3, 3HH3, 3II3, 3JJ3, 3MO3, 3MT3, 3T03, 3UU3, 3YY3

REQUIREMENTS

150 units total (Levels I to IV) of which no more than 48 units may be Level 1 which includes three Professional Practices in Spring/Summer between Level II and III and Level III and IV.

LEVEL I

30 units (See Admission)
LEVEL II:

**FALL/WINTER: 30 UNITS**

3 units PSYCH 2AA3 (Child Development)
3 units PSYCH 2AP3 (Abnormal Psychology: Fundamentals and Major Disorders)
3 units PSYCH 2C03 (Social Psychology)
3 units PSYCH 2GG3 (Learning, Measuring & Shaping Behaviour)
3 units PSYCH 2H03 (Human Learning & Cognition)
3 units HUMBEHV 2L03 (Curriculum Foundations I)
3 units HUMBEHV 2M03 (Learning Environment I)
3 units HUMBEHV 2TL3 (Infant & Toddler Learning Environment)
1 course HUMBEHV 2HB0 (Human Behaviour Professional Development)
6 units Electives

**SPRING/SUMMER: 15 UNITS**

6 units HUMBEHV 2XP6 (Professional Practice I)
6 units HUMBEHV 3XP6 (Professional Practice II)
3 units HUMBEHV 3XS3 A/B (Professional Practice I & II Seminar)

LEVEL III:

**FALL/WINTER: 30 UNITS**

3 units PSYCH 3B03 (Special Populations)
3 units PSYCH 3II3 (Cognitive Development)
3 units PSYCH 3JJ3 (Socio-Emotional Development)
3 units from PSYCH 3HB3 (Stats & Methods for Hons Hum Behv) or STATS 2B03 (Stats Methods for Science)
3 units HUMBEHV 3O03 (Curriculum Foundations II)
3 units HUMBEHV 3P03 (Learning Environment II)
3 units HUMBEHV 3Q03 (Health, Safety & Nutrition)
9 units Electives

**SPRING/SUMMER: 15 UNITS**

12 units HUMBEHV 4V12 A/B (Professional Practice III)
3 units HUMBEHV 4VS3 A/B (Professional Practice III Seminar)

LEVEL IV: 30 UNITS

9 units from Human Behaviour Course List
3 units HUMBEHV 4N03 (Principles of Ethical Practice)
3 units HUMBEHV 4U03 (Inclusion in the ECE Classroom)
3 units HUMBEHV 4W03 (Supervision and Administration)
12 units Electives

Professional Practice Placement Notes:

1. Applying for Placements – prior to the start date of a placement, students are required to submit a completed Field Placement Request Form to the Program Coordinator.
2. Placements will be with agencies that have contracted in advance with Mohawk College. The College cannot accommodate any student requests for special consideration.
3. Students are responsible for arranging their own travel to and from assigned placements.
4. Eligibility for Placements – all students must meet academic, social, and health requirements before they can attend a site for field placement.
   (a) Social/Professional Requirements – all students within the program are expected to consistently demonstrate Social/Professional behaviours that are typical of those expected by employers. If, in the opinion of program faculty, a student has failed to demonstrate appropriate behaviours, the university may refuse to offer a placement.
   (b) Health Requirements – in the interest of the student and the placement, students are required to submit documentation (e.g., Health Record Form) that they have had a satisfactory physical examination including many routine vaccinations. All students must submit this documentation prior to placement or the student will not start the placement. Students should refer to their field placement coordinator to determine health requirements specific to their college and placement agency.
   (c) Police Reference Check – all students are required to have a Police Reference Check prior to the commencement of their field placement. The cost of this check is the responsibility of the student.