

Welcome to the Bachelor of Arts in Child & Youth Care Degree Program

Welcome to the Child & Youth Care Department at Douglas College. The Bachelor of Arts in Child & Youth Care program is a unique program that is designed to prepare graduates to work with children, youth and families in the Human Services sector. This is a 4 year degree program with both full time and part time offerings. After 2 years you can exit and apply for a diploma in Child & Youth Care and then return at a later date to complete your degree. To return you will have to reapply. The program integrates theory and practice with 1st, 2nd and 4th year practicums and helps to prepare students to work in a wide range of human service positions including group homes, activity programs, schools, transition houses, drug and alcohol programs, street programs and recreational programs. As well, the program prepares students for graduate work at institutions such as the University of Victoria, SFU and UBC. As well, many graduates have successfully transitioned into the PDP Teacher Training Program at SFU.

This is a degree that leads to employment for almost 100% of graduates.

The BA CYC program is offered on the Douglas College Coquitlam campus. The full time program is taught mostly in the daytime. Because of the workload demands of the full time program, it is not recommended that students work full time while attending the program. However, a combination of working and attending school is an ideal way to learn new concepts, theories and skills applying them to your work in the field immediately. Whether you enroll in the full or part time program, you can choose to take your electives at any time, creating an educational plan suited to your individual needs.

Hopefully this booklet will answer your questions as a prospective student. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have further questions related to your specific situation. If you have specific questions about the BA CYC degree program, please contact cyc@douglascollege.ca

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Child & Youth Work

The field of Child and Youth Care has many new employment opportunities for degree graduates. Some advanced positions in the child and youth care field are only open to degree graduates. Many government agencies, including MCFD, require completion of a degree for employment. With some experience in the field, degree graduates have the opportunity for advancement into supervisory and management positions.

Program Highlights

- virtually 100% employment rate for graduates
- experienced instructors who focus on real-world skills
- practical experience through worksite placements
- many options for specialties and advancement
- Graduate with a Specialization in Child Protection or Youth Justice

Graduates will be ready for work in a variety of child & youth care settings including community, health, or government agencies. Some examples include:

Child Protection	Addiction Treatment Programs
Group Homes	Recreational Programs
Community Based Programs	Transition Houses
School Based Programs	Youth Worker

Graduates are supported with transition from classroom to career through practicum opportunities, exposure to agencies in the community, professional development, and the Douglas College Career Centre.

The Aboriginal Stream

The Aboriginal Stream is a part-time, 16.5 credit program for students who want to learn more about working with Aboriginal children, youth and families. The Aboriginal Stream is one possible pathway into the BACYC program. Introductory courses in the Aboriginal Stream replace some courses in the BACYC program plan. Learning is guided by interactive curriculum that focuses on collaboration between Elders, students, and instructors. After completing the Stream, students may then complete the remainder of their studies in the part time Bachelor of Arts in Child & Youth Care Degree program.

Students who would like to become full time after completing the Stream will have to submit an application to the BACYC program. Once your application has been received you will be contacted about attending the selection process to become a full-time student.

For more information please visit the Douglas College website

BACYC Program Courses

COURSES		Credits
YEAR 1		
CFCS 1110	Introduction to the Professional Community	3
CFCS 1130	Change and Development: Lifespan	3
CYCC 1141	Introduction to Practice	3
CYCC 1150	Activity Programming for Children	3
CYCC 1220	Counselling Children & Youth	3
CYCC 1250	Supporting Behavior Change	3
CYCC 1240	Practicum	4.5
CFCS 1260	Addictions	3
YEAR 2		
CYCC 2211	The Professional Community: Policies, Standards, Legislation & Children	3
CYCC 2320	Working With Others in Groups	3
CFCS 2333	Change and Development: Families	3
CYCC 2360	Mental Health in Childhood & Adolescence	3
CFCS 2432	Understanding Aboriginal Perspectives & Experiences	3
CYCC 2440	Practicum	4.5
CYCC 2450	CYCC Practice: Advanced	3
CYCC 2460	Community Practice: Abuse	3
YEAR 3		
CYCC 3350	CYC Practice in Child Protection	3
CYCC 3340	Developmental Theory and CYC Practice with Children	3
CYCC 3520	Professional Child & Youth Care: Theory & Practice	3
CYCC 4423	Research Methods in Child & Youth Care	3
CYCC 4425	Data Analysis in Child & Youth Care	3
CYCC 3341	Developmental Theory and CYC Practice with Youth	3
CYCC 3621	Critical Issues in Current CYC Practice	3
YEAR 4		
CYCC 4410	Advanced Supervised Practicum - Part 1	4.5
CFCS 3900	International Studies	3
CYCC 4467	Advanced Skills with Individuals in Child & Youth Care	3
CYCC 4468	Advanced Skills with Groups in CYC Organizations	3
CYCC 4411	Advanced Supervised Practicum - Part 2	4.5
CYCC 4469	Advanced Skills with Families	3
CYCC 4470	Development of Attachment	3
ELECTIVES		
UT English		6
UT Electives		18
	Total Credits	120



Campus culture. The BACYC program holds classes at the David Lam Campus in Coquitlam, BC. Campus services include a Learning Centre, Career Centre, library, bookstore, Student Union, Women’s Centre, full-service cafeteria, daycare, and easy access to the new Evergreen Line of the Skytrain. Students may choose to take some elective courses at the New Westminster campus.

Engaged Learning. The BACYC full time students follow the same schedule throughout the program forming a cohort of students who share challenges and successes, the part time program offers more flexibility in scheduling. Both full and part time students will participate in engaging classes, independent studies and assignments as well as group work.

Hands on Learning. The BACYC program offers 700 hours of field practicum experience for students to implement theory into practice. Practicums will be arranged by the college with partner social service agencies in the lower mainland of BC. Practicum placements are supervised by an experienced practitioner on site with support from a Douglas College faculty member.

Instructors are Practitioners. Our knowledgeable instructors are all practitioners with many years of work experience in a variety of settings. They bring their skills and experiences from the field to the classroom.



Application Overview

The BACYC program is looking for students who endeavor to improve the lives of children & youth in their community.

Before you apply

- Review the BACYC program information on the Douglas College website
- Attend an Information Session.

Entrance requirements for 1st year applicants

- You must complete a minimum of 75 volunteer or paid hours in a CYC setting working directly with youth between the ages of 6-18
- Have a minimum of C in English 12 or equivalent (search 'General Admission Information' on the Douglas College website).
- Be 19 years of age by November 1st of intake year
- Attend a mandatory selection/orientation weekend in the spring of intake year

Entrance requirements for 3rd year applicants

- Completed 2 year diploma in a Human Services field with a minimum GPA of 2.67
 - Submit 2 reference letters, a current resume, 750 word essay, Informed Consent form
 - Completed 6 credits of University Transferable English courses
- For details on these requirements please visit our Departmental webpage

Apply to Douglas College

- Apply online: www.douglascollege.ca/apply
- Indicate **BACYC full or part time, 1st or 3rd year entry**
- Pay the application fee

Final admission requirements

Once a seat offer is made you will be asked to submit:

- Criminal Record Search
- Non-refundable tuition deposit (for full time program only)

Volunteer/Work Experience

It is important that you have some understanding of what this type of work is like before making major investments in time, money and effort. This volunteer/work time also provides you an idea about your personal suitability for the field in supporting children and youth.

We encourage you to begin volunteering as soon as possible as applications to volunteer may take time, and you may only be offered limited hours per week.

Volunteer experience may be gained in residential, school or community based settings but should take place under the auspices of a recognized organization which can verify the work. Upon completion of the 75 hours, the supervisor of the volunteer experience will complete an "Eligibility" form (available on the BACYC webpage).

Conditions for volunteer/work experience

- Supervised by a non-relative
- Work with children, between the ages of 6 and 18 years who are experiencing behavioral, social and/or emotional difficulties.
- Minimum 75 hours. Hours can be accumulated in more than one location, for a combined total of 75 hours

Volunteer/work experience examples

- Addictions treatment centers
- Group homes
- Alternate schools
- Social adjustment classes
- Drop in centers
- Community Centers
- Residential programs
- Special needs classes

A few suggestions to get you started...

- Boys and Girls' Clubs of Greater Vancouver Volunteer Hotline: 604-708-5437
- Options Community Services: 604-596-4321
- YMCA Employment – Volunteer line 604-895-5813
- Surrey Volunteer Centre (Options Community Services): 604-584-5811
- All Community Centres
- All School Districts

Frequently Asked Questions

Department Location	David Lam Campus 1250 Pinetree Way Coquitlam, BC V3B 7X3
Official Credential	Bachelor of Arts in Child & Youth Care Degree
Length of Program	4 years full-time
Number of credits	120 credits
Number of intakes	Once per year (fall)
Application Deadline	Applications open in October of the preceeding year
Program Start	September
Program End	April
Program Breaks	Breaks between semesters. One week reading break in winter semester. Part time students attend Winter, Summer & Fall semesters
Number of accepts per year	1st year entry: 32 full-time & 16 part time 3rd year entry: 16 part time, the number of full time seats in 3rd year is determined on a year to year basis
Practicum	Total of 700 practicum hours completed by graduation

Please be advised that this booklet captures information listed in other Douglas College documents. It is not intended to replace these documents, and may not remain accurate. Please review the Douglas College Calendar and website for up-to-date and detailed information.