



Dual Credit Pathway for ECE, EA and HSW Programs

In response to high labour market demand for Early Childhood Educators, Education Assistants and Human Service Workers, College of the Rockies is offering a dual credit option for high school students which upon completion will provide them with:

- 16 high school credits toward graduation
- An educational qualification for work in an entry level position as an Early Childhood Education Assistant
- 3 post-secondary elective credits with an emphasis on student wellbeing and success
- 10 post-secondary credits toward a certificate in one of the following three programs:
 - Early Childhood Education (ECE) [ECE program](#)
 - Education Assistant (EA) [EA program](#)
 - Human Service Worker (HSWR) [HSW program](#)

This dual credit program will be delivered in a cohort model for the final semester of high school and will include the following four courses:

- CYFS 101 (3) *Interpersonal Communications*
- CYFS 102 (3) *Observing and Recording*
- CYFS 116 (4) *Lifespan Development*
- HLTH 104 (3) *Introduction to Personal Health and Wellbeing*

Early Childhood Education	Education Assistant	Human Service Worker
CYFS 101	CYFS 101	CYFS 101
CYFS 102	CYFS 102	CYFS 102
CYFS 116*	CYFS 116*	CYFS 116*
HLTH 104	HLTH 104	HLTH 104

*All students who successfully complete CYFS 116 are eligible to apply for a license to work as an Early Childhood Education Assistant. [ECE Assistant application info](#)

This dual credit program will be available to start February 2022 for 16 weeks and will be delivered in a hybrid model of in-class and synchronous online delivery to allow students the ability to participate in-person at Cranbrook campus or online from other communities within the Kootenay region. Registration is open to grade 12 high school students in School Districts 5, 6 and 8. Students will have 12 hours per week of direct instruction from a College faculty member and will be expected to complete assignments, readings and group work in addition to scheduled class time. The class size will be a maximum of 24 students.

Costs and Resources

Per student cost for the program will be \$1400 paid by the school district which will cover College faculty instruction and tutor support for students learning in our regional campus communities. Students will require access to a computer and a reliable internet connection to participate in the program. Students will be responsible for the cost of textbooks which are approximately \$800 per student for the semester.

Students will continue to be supported by their high school counsellors. Accessibility services at the high school will coordinate with College of the Rockies accessibility services to ensure students are accommodated when necessary.

Registration

Interested students will apply to the College of the Rockies CYFS dual credit semester through their high school counsellors – the College's application fee is waived and the College will block register the students into the required College courses once they have been accepted to the dual credit semester. Students will not be required to meet individual CYFS program admission requirements to enroll in the dual credit semester. English 12, 65% is a prerequisite for CYFS dual credit semester courses. The College's high school transition and dual credit coordinator, Brian Conrad, will liaise with high school counsellors.

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