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#### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Greetings From ECE Program Coordinator KAREN DAVIS



#### Fall Greetings!

As the leaves begin to change and the crispness of fall fills the air, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support of our Early Childhood Education Program.

Your partnership has been instrumental in creating a nurturing and enriching environment for our students, and we are truly thankful for all that you do.

Please take some time to save the date for our Community Forum on October 9th. I also invite you to follow our Mohawk College ECE Program Instagram account to see all of the meaningful and creative ways our students are learning.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration and making this fall semester a memorable one for our students. Thank you once again for being an essential part of our program.

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# SAVE THE DATE

# Annual Field Placement Community Forum

Back by Popular Demand! Join us virtually on Wednesday, October 9 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. to talk about ECE Field Placements. We look forward to providing you updates regarding experiential learning and requirements and expectations of students. We will be introducing a Community Field Placement Survey and want to hear from you! Find out how you can win a prize for your TEAM!

We look forward to connecting with you and your team.

**Zoom Link** 

Welcome Back Judy Baillie and Introducing Jennifer Dawson, Field Placement Specialists

Jennifer Dawson, is a Registered Early
Childhood Educator working in the field of Early
Childhood Education for over 12 years. She is a
graduate from the Early Childhood Education
Program at Mohawk College. She has a passion
for creating a sense of belonging by being an
active participant in communities, supporting
children, families, community partners and our
future Early Childhood Educators.

## FIELD PLACEMENT UPDATES

The Field Placement Specialists have been busy connecting with sites at staff meetings, in person or by zoom, to review field placement and the role of the mentor. Let us know if you want us to come to you – earlychildhoodeducation@mohawkcollege.ca

# FIELD PLACEMENT DATES

Fall Semester 2024
Field Placement 1

Wed Sept 25 to Fri Nov 22, 2024

Field Placement 2

Wed Sept 25 to Fri Nov 22, 2024

Winter 2025

Field Placement 1

Weds Jan 22 to Fri Mar 21. 2025

Field Placement 2

Weds Jan 22 to Fri Mar 21, 2025

**Field Placement 3** 

Mon Jan 20 to Weds Mar 19, 2025

#### Field Placement Specialist Supports

We continue to provide support to both students and mentors by coming for a visit, setting up a zoom meeting, corresponding through email or phone call.

The Mentor Hub is also a great support to reference.

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS OUR MENTOR HUB FOR FIELD PLACEMENT INFORMATION



MENTOR HUB

### ECE Appreciation Day

ECE Appreciation Day is the 24th of Oct, but our students will celebrate on the 22nd with some of the OCBCC and AECEO members there!





Follow our Early Childhood Education Instagram account to catch all of the exciting updates from our classrooms! We share special moments, creative projects and meaningful learning activities. Follow our account and see firsthand the amazing experiences happening within our program.



Click here!

Our newest cohort at McMaster in our partnership program with the Psychology Department is our largest group yet! We had to quickly pivot in September to find a bigger classroom space, but the gorgeous weather led to some great opportunities.

Thank you to Indigenous Studies for the use of the Indigenous Circle for outdoor classroom space. We did "practice what you preach" and took the learning outside!







#### McMaster University

Honours Applied Psychology in Human Behaviour -Early Childhood Studies Specialization (B.A.Sc.)

In the classroom..



Second year students had lots of great strategies to share when brainstorming ideas to overcome barriers to communication with families in our **Parents as Partners** class. Students are looking forward to making connections with families while on their field placements this semester.

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In this season of thanksgiving, we would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation for the mentors who guide and support our students during their field placements. These dedicated individuals embody the spirit of generosity and encouragement, sharing their knowledge, wisdom, and experience to help shape the next generation of ECE professionals. This word cloud was completed by students this semester when asked what words come to mind when they think of their mentor.

approaching approachable good listeners straightforward organization responsive accomodating organization prudence cooperative understanding supportive building gives advice open caring empathetic open caring empathetic

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