

Part Time and Full Time 2024 - 2025

PROGRAM LENGTH: 20 Months

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Child and Youth Care program at Northern Lakes College is designed to equip learners with the necessary knowledge and skills to work effectively with children, youth, families, and communities. This comprehensive program focuses on mental health, trauma-informed care, assessments, interventions, advocacy, and ethical practice. Throughout the program, learners will engage in a combination of theoretical learning, experiential activities, and practicum opportunities. The curriculum emphasizes a holistic approach, ensuring learners gain a deep understanding of the complex needs and challenges faced by individuals and communities affected by trauma, oppression, and mental health. The program includes a blend of core Child and Youth Care theory and practice courses, along with 2 university level courses which include English and Psychology. Students have the choice of completing the required university transfer courses before starting the program, during the program, or upon completion of the core Child and Youth Care courses. The majority of the theoretical component of the program is delivered synchronously online using Microsoft Teams and Brightspace (LMS). Another important part of the program is the field placement. Students will observe Child and Youth Work skills in action and apply the theories learned in class. Practicum I consist of 180 full-time hours in the Spring Semester in Year 1; and Practicum II consists of 285 hours in the Fall Semester in Year 2. Practicum III consists of 285 hours in the Winter Semester in Year 2. The practicum components of the Child and Youth Diploma program must be successfully completed to meet the outcomes of the program. In addition, during the three full-time practicums over the course of the program, students have the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills learnt in theory-based courses in a practical-setting while under the supervision of an agency. Students are responsible to ensure they are able to attend all mandatory practicum components over the course of the two years. If required, students are responsible for costs related to travel, including accommodations for the practicums. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be well-prepared to pursue careers in various settings, such as therapeutic campus-based care programs, schools, the justice system, and government organizations. They will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to provide trauma-informed care, advocate for social justice, support young people experiencing mental health and implement informed interventions to support children, youth, families, and communities.

PROGRAM OF STUDY:

TERM 1:	CYCD1010	Foundations of Child and Youth Care (3)
	CYCD1020	Introduction to Counselling in Child and Youth Care (3)
	CYCD1030	Indigenous History of Children, Youth, and Families in Canada (3)
	ENGL1000	Introduction to English and Literature (3)
	PSYC1060	Psychology for the Health Care Professional (3)
TERM 2:	CYCD1040	Professional Communication for Child and Youth care Practitioners
	CYCD1050	Introduction to Families: Diversity and Interventions (3)
	CYCD1060	Mental Health in Child and Youth Care Practice (3)
	CYCD1070	Supporting Children and Youth Across Sectors in Child & Youth Care Practice (3)
TERM 3:	CYCD1075	Practicum I (3)

PROGRAM DELIVERY: This program is delivered online using Microsoft Teams and Brightspace and includes synchronous and asynchronous self-directed study and 3 field/practicum placements (750 hours) in both 1st (180 hours - Spring Term) and 2nd year (Fall Term - 285 hours and Winter Term - 285 hours). In Child and Youth synchronous courses attendance is mandatory. University Studies course attendance, although encouraged, is not mandatory.

To learn more about Microsoft Teams and to experience using it, check out this guide: <https://teamsdemo.office.com/#/>

To learn more about D2L/Brightspace, check out this guide: <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/public/download/files/101449>

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Fluency in English. 60% in English 30-1 or a minimum of 70% in English 30-2 or equivalent.

If academic requirements are not met, you may complete an ACCUPLACER assessment. "Next-Generation" ACCUPLACER minimum levels: 256 in Reading; and 5+ in Write Placer. Contact your nearest campus to set up an appointment.

All post-secondary transcripts must accompany the application.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Students must be at least 18 years of age at the time of practicum. Reliable high-speed internet connection is required.

Note: Information regarding any criminal record is required to facilitate field placements. Field placement agencies may require a Police Information Check with a Vulnerable Sector Check and an Intervention Record Check. The inability to present clear checks may prevent a student from completing the program requirements. Contact the Program Coordinator for further information.

Note: Because of the nature of the program, students must not be abusing alcohol or drugs for at least 1 year prior to applying. In addition, students must not be abusing drugs or alcohol for the duration of the program.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: Child welfare and family support agencies, Community and recreations centres. Mental health and addictions agencies, Schools, after school programs and early intervention programs, Young offenders' programs, First Nations and Metis organizations, Non-profit community agencies.

COST ESTIMATES: Note: All fees are subject to change.

	Tuition	Student Association	Technology	est. TOTAL
Term 1	\$2211.00	\$187.50	\$180.00	\$2578.50
Term 2	\$1788.00	\$150.00	\$144.00	\$2082.00
Term 3	\$447.00	\$37.50	\$36.00	\$520.50
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Supplies and other costs per course (not paid to NLC)

PROGRAM OFFERINGS: Any location

	Offering Dates	Application Deadline
Term 1:	September 3 – December 12, 2024	August 5, 2024
Term 2:	January 6 – April 17, 2025	December 2, 2024
Term 3:	May 1 – June 25, 2025	April 7, 2025

DEADLINES:
APPLICATION PROCESS:

- **APPLICATION:** Complete the Northern Lakes College application form (available on the college website): www.northernlakescollege.ca
- **TRANSCRIPTS:** Provide official high school and/or post-secondary transcripts. These must be forwarded directly to Northern Lakes College, Admissions Services, from the granting institution (there may be a charge for this). When transcripts are received at NLC, they are reviewed to determine if the academic requirements for admission to the program are met.
- **ACCEPTANCE:** Applicants who meet the academic requirements will be accepted and offered a space in the next available offering of the program. In some cases, the spaces may be full and accepted applicants will be placed on a waitlist. These applicants will be accepted in the order of "first qualified, first served." Applicants will receive a letter informing them of their acceptance status.
- **FUNDING:** Applicants are encouraged to check on funding options early (minimum of 2 months prior to the program start date). Applicants should visit <http://studentaid.alberta.ca/> for loans, grants and provincial scholarships. For bursary information, please visit <http://nadc.ca/our-bursaries/>. Northern Lakes College also offers awards for our students. Specific awards related to this program include: CCEC Partnership Bursary, Roland Gladue Memorials Scholarship and the TransCanada Partnership Award. Please visit the Financial Aid, Scholarships and funding page <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/future-students/financial-aid-scholarships-and-funding> for more information.

- **REGISTRATION & COMMITMENT FEE:** Accepted applicants in all career programs will be required to complete enrollment forms (to follow at a later date). This registration includes a \$100.00 (domestic student) or \$300 (international student) Commitment fee deposit. This fee is non-refundable and will be applied to your tuition once the term begins. Payment in full will be required a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the program start date.
- **ORIENTATION:** Before the start date of the program, accepted applicants will receive information about registration dates, times, locations and other information to assist them in planning. Students must attend Orientation at one of the dates and locations supplied.
- **PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESSES:** Northern Lakes College uses email to quickly contact students. If possible, please ensure you have provided an accurate email address where we can reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For any assistance, questions or concerns, the following college staff are available:

- Program Coordinator:** **Denise Smith 1-780-849-8668**
email: smithd@northernlakescollege.ca
Questions about program content, course selection/transferability, employment opportunities for the program
- Other Inquiries:** **Admissions Services 1-866-652-3456**
email: admissions@northernlakescollege.ca
General inquiries about College services & programs; student housing, library, and facilities