

Child and Youth Care

Diploma and Degree Programs

Admission requirements

All of the Child and Youth Care programs require that students have completed Grade 12 (or have mature student status), with a minimum "C" in English 12 or equivalent. For more specific information on admissions, visit viu.ca/programs.

Start Date and Application Deadline

Students normally start the selected program in September, and applications are accepted anytime between October and February. Some courses may be offered on a rotating basis and may not be available each year. Visit viu.ca/cyc/ for details.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to students demonstrating financial need. Applications should be made eight to ten weeks prior to the start of your program. Please visit viu.ca/financialaid for information.

Further Information

The Vancouver Island University Calendar is available online. Visit our website at viu.ca/programs

How to Apply

Students can apply online at pas.bc.ca or obtain an *Application for Admission* form, which is available from regional secondary schools, or from Vancouver Island University Registration Centres at the Nanaimo, Duncan, Powell River or Parksville-Qualicum campuses. When the Registration Centre confirms that you have been admitted, you will be advised of when and how to register and pay for your courses.

About Vancouver Island University

Vancouver Island University is a comprehensive post-secondary institution located on beautiful Vancouver Island, in British Columbia. Our main campus is located in Nanaimo, and we have regional campuses in Duncan and Powell River, and a campus centre in Parksville. More than 14,000 full-time and part-time students are enrolled in academic, applied, career/technical, vocational, trades, and developmental programs leading to certificates, diplomas and degrees.

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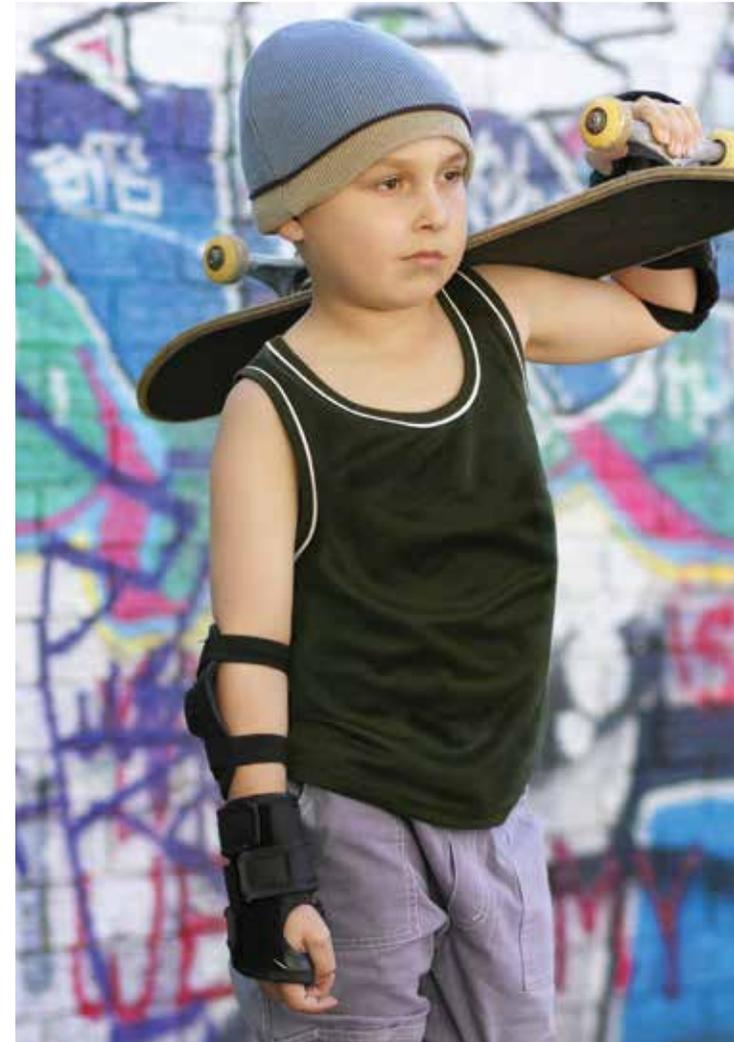
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Dare to Dream

Child & Youth Care at Vancouver Island University

Are you ready to dream big?

A diploma or degree in Child and Youth Care practice involves you developing relationships with children, youth, families and your community in various contexts and across a range of settings. This relational work focuses on developing, supporting, enhancing and promoting positive change that builds upon existing strengths and resources.

Career Opportunities

Career opportunities exist in a range of work settings and areas of practice, including:

- Ministry of Children & Family Development
- Schools
- Youth justice
- Parent education
- Family support services
- Recreation
- Community-based programs
- Early intervention
- Mental health and substance abuse
- Residential Care

Programs of study

2-year Diploma Program:

Child and Youth Care Diploma (Nanaimo Campus)

Graduates are prepared for the general practice of child and youth care work in community and residential settings across Canada.

Successful completion of the diploma program meets the eligibility requirements to apply to the third year of VIU's B.A. in Child and Youth Care degree program.

Bachelor of Arts in Child and Youth Care

4-year Degree Program

The B.A. degree in Child and Youth Care is a four-year course of study where students enter at either the first or third year. The program is designed in response to increasing demand from employers for skilled child and youth care practitioners who will be able to work in demanding and complicated client cases in an integrated fashion.

Some of the topics that students will be required to study are child welfare, abuse and neglect concerns, human and family development, theories of practice, alcohol and drugs, mental health issues, group dynamics, Aboriginal ways of knowing, expressive arts, therapeutic adventure based activities and family support. Students in the Child and Youth Care program have the opportunity to focus their studies in the classroom and the field on therapeutic adventure based activities: the intentional use of activities to support the cognitive, behavioural, and emotional development of children and youth.

Child Protection Specialization

A Child Protection Specialization is available for a limited number of students admitted to the Child and Youth Care degree program. Those interested apply and complete a practicum with the Ministry for Child and Family Development in their fourth year.

Centre for Community Outreach and Care

The purpose is to provide enriched practical learning experiences for Child and Youth Care students through partnering with the local Harewood community to engage in child and family focused activities.



Successful Dreamers – Quotes from former CYC graduates

"The CYC environment and people are supportive, caring and positive which can be quite different from other academic programs."

"Even though I had a ton of experience and was a mature student, I found the program enhanced my learning and improved my practice in so many ways. For example, my knowledge of child development became really solid as well as ways to think about ethical dilemmas – how to keep our children and families in the forefront when working with them, how to navigate through other systems like child welfare and the legal system."

Explore your dream with us.

Contact a Child & Youth Care advisor today at CYCadvisors@viu.ca or go to viu.ca/programs.

