

## What can I do with my degree in...Bachelor of Arts Child & Youth Studies?

### Knowing What's Expected

If you are interested in teaching and supervising young children as well as developing plans, you will enjoy the options that the Bachelor of Arts in Child & Youth Studies degree affords.

You will be required to observe children for signs of learning disabilities or emotional problems, and discuss progress or problems with parents and staff members.

Jobs in this field require the ability to perform a wide variety of functions. You will be required to plan and organize activities for pre-school children and lead children in these activities to encourage their intellectual, physical and emotional growth.

### Transferable Skills

- ❖ Retraining regularly in the newest techniques
- ❖ Improving interpersonal skills
- ❖ Setting guidelines for operations
- ❖ Developing customer relations

### Your Choices

This degree opens the door to many areas of health and social services. As a result, you may pursue occupations in daycare and childcare centers, kindergartens, centers for exceptional children, nursery schools and hospital programs.

### Careers for Child & Youth Studies Majors

- ❖ Child Care Worker
- ❖ Day Care Supervisor
- ❖ Day Care Worker
- ❖ Day Care Assistant
- ❖ Early Childhood Educator
- ❖ Early Childhood Supervisor
- ❖ Early Childhood Program Staff
- ❖ Pre-School Supervisor
- ❖ Pre-School Teacher
- ❖ Pre-School Helper
- ❖ Recreation Programmer

### Necessary Skills

- ❖ Childcare
- ❖ Meal planning
- ❖ Arts and recreation activities
- ❖ Creativity
- ❖ Organization

## What Employers Want

Contributions you make to your community reflect well on you as an individual. Employers are looking for students who are dedicated, hard working, and show a commitment to their interests.

By getting involved in on-campus societies (i.e. Child & Youth Society) and volunteering early, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

### Associations

Why join now? Professional associations are a great way to network within your field of study. Not only do these organizations help get you connected, they also help keep you well-informed. Many also have discounted student membership rates.

- ❖ Council of Canadian Child and Youth Care Associations  
[www.cyccanada.ca](http://www.cyccanada.ca)
- ❖ Certification Council of Early Childhood Educators of NS  
[www.cfcefc.ca/cccefc](http://www.cfcefc.ca/cccefc)
- ❖ Association for Child & Youth Care Practice, Inc.  
[www.acycp.org](http://www.acycp.org)

## Available Reference Materials

### *What To Do With Your Degree*

- ❖ Child & Youth Studies(Refer to yellow binder)

### *Occupation Information*

- ❖ Careers for Caring People & Other Sensitive Types
- ❖ [www.careercruising](http://www.careercruising)

### *Directories*

- ❖ Who's Hiring
- ❖ Associations Canada
- ❖ Canadian Career Directory

## Job Searching

### *Job Hunting Websites*

- ❖ [www.msvu.ca/careerplanning](http://www.msvu.ca/careerplanning)
- ❖ Career Beacon  
[www.careerbeacon.com](http://www.careerbeacon.com)
- ❖ Halifax Herald  
[www.jobspress.com](http://www.jobspress.com)
- ❖ Atlantic Canada Careers  
[www.acc.net](http://www.acc.net)
- ❖ Government of Nova Scotia  
[www.gov.ns.ca/psc](http://www.gov.ns.ca/psc)

### **For More Information Visit:**

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