

What Can I Do with My Degree In...

Bachelor of Arts in Child and Youth Study?



Know What's Expected

Child and Youth Study students are interested in enhancing the lives of children, youth and families through services and programs dedicated to their well-being. If your degree is in Child and Youth Study, you will be employed in settings where you will apply both academic as well as practical knowledge to direct work with children, youth and their families. French would be an asset for some positions.

Transferable Skills

- Critical thinking
- Written and verbal communication abilities
- Working independently and as part of a team
- Planning and organizing tasks
- Setting priorities and managing time
- Program Development
- Using self-reflection to better serve others

What Employers Want to See

Contributions you make to your community reflect well on you as an individual. Employers will expect that you are passionate about supporting children, youth, and their families and that you've acquired academic and practical knowledge relating to children's well-being. Employers are also looking for students who are dedicated, hard-working, and show a commitment to their interests. By getting involved on-campus (for societies visit mountstudents.ca) or off-campus early in your degree, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

You can also build your Mount Co-Curricular Record (CCR) with these activities at msvu.ca/CCR and present this official document to future employers.

Necessary Employment Skills

- The ability to successfully apply knowledge about children and youth
- Effective written and verbal communication abilities
- The capacity to work independently and collaboratively
- Aptitude in establishing positive relationships with others

Where Can You Work?

The Child and Youth Study program provides students with a broad academic background through courses about and practicum experiences with children and youth, as well as courses in the humanities and social sciences. Graduates from the Child and Youth Study program may find careers in youth residential and community based facilities; pre-primary, early childhood centres, and early intervention programs; family resource centres; and inclusive settings. A Child and Youth Study degree is also a great stepping stone for further education in areas such as elementary or secondary teaching, speech-language pathology and graduate-level programs. Visit the Bachelor of Arts—Child and Youth Study webpage for more information.

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Some Possible Job Titles

- Early Childhood Educator
- Early Childhood Inclusion Educator
- Child and Youth Care Worker
- Residential Counselor
- Youth Outreach Worker/Facilitator
- Parent Support Worker
- Community Residential Support Worker
- Student Support Worker
- Recreation Coordinator

Volunteer Experience

Volunteering provides a great opportunity to get involved in your field of study and make some great connections. Here are a few options for you to consider:

- Early Childhood Centres
- Libraries
- Schools
- Student Societies
- Recreation Programs
- Literacy Programs
- Inclusive Support
- Youth Support Services

Potential Volunteer Organizations

- MSVU Fountain Play Centre
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- YMCA

Visit msvu.ca/ccr for more local organizations.

Online Job Resources

Many organizations will promote their job opportunities online. Visit the Job page at careerconnects.msvu.ca.

Professional Associations

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.

- Association of Early Childhood Educators Nova Scotia
www.aecens.ca
- The Canadian Child Care Federation
www.cccf-fcsge.ca
- Council of Canadian Child and Youth Care Associations
www.cycanada.ca
- Nova Scotia Child and Youth Care Workers' Association
<https://nscycwa.com>

MSVU Career Services

At the Mount, we offer a variety of career related services, workshops, resources and opportunities for students. Whether you need help making a career decision, are looking for a job, or are wondering what you can do with your degree, we can help you plan a realistic career path and perform a successful job search.

Visit [Career Connects](#) to book an appointment with a Career Counsellor, schedule a resume critique with a Career Assistant, or explore volunteer and job opportunities!

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