

## Bachelor of Arts in Child and Youth Studies?



### Know What's Expected

Child and Youth Studies majors have an interest in supervising, teaching and advising children and youth. If you major in Child and Youth Studies, employers will expect that you have a passion and a broad knowledge of children and youth. French may also be an asset in some positions.

### Transferable Skills

- Strong critical thinking skills
- Written and spoken communication skills
- Ability to work as a team
- Planning and organizing activities
- Improving interpersonal skills
- Setting guidelines for operations
- Developing customer relations
- Computer literacy

### What Employers Want to See

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 on-campus (for societies visit [mountstudents.ca](http://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/CCRP](http://msvu.ca/CCRP) and present this official document to future employers.

### Necessary Skills

- Childcare
- Arts and recreation activities
- Creativity
- Organization
- Interpersonal skills

### Where Can You Work?

A Child and Youth Studies Major offers a broad background in the humanities, child-care, and social sciences. Graduates from Women's Studies programs may find careers in daycare and childcare centers, schools, centers for exceptional children and hospital programs.

A Child and Youth Studies degree is also a great stepping stone for further education. Visit the Bachelor of Arts— Child and Youth Studies webpage for more information.

### Possible Job Titles

- Child Care Worker
- Day Care Supervisor
- Day Care Assistant
- Early Childhood Educator
- Early Childhood Program Staff
- Pre-School Teacher
- Social Worker
- Youth Counsellor

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### Where Can I Volunteer?

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:

- Elementary schools
- Local Non-Profit Organizations
- Daycares
- Libraries
- Student Societies
- Students Union

Visit [msvu.ca/ccrp](http://msvu.ca/ccrp) for more local organizations.

### Online Job Resources

Many organizations will promote their job opportunities online. Visit the Job Search Resources page at [msvu.ca/careerplanning](http://msvu.ca/careerplanning) for links to frequently used job boards.

### 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 for Child & Youth Care Practice, Inc.  
[www.acycp.org](http://www.acycp.org)
- Canadian Association of Social Workers  
[www.casw-acts.ca](http://www.casw-acts.ca)
- Canadian Childcare Foundation  
[www.cccf-fcsga.ca](http://www.cccf-fcsga.ca)
- Child Care Connection  
[www.cccns.org](http://www.cccns.org)
- Council of Canadian Child and Youth Care Associations  
[www.cyccanada.ca](http://www.cyccanada.ca)

### MSVU Career Planning 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 your can do with your degree, we can help you plan a realistic career path and perform a successful job search.

Drop by Career Planning Services to book an appointment with a Career Counsellor, schedule a resume critique with a Career Assistant, or just explore our resources!

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