



Graduate Application Checklist

Master of Arts (Child and Youth Study)

Please follow the checklist below to ensure that you submit a complete application package. Non-disclosed transcripts and missing application documents can significantly delay file reviews or result in applications being cancelled. All application supporting documents need to be received before the [application deadline](#).

Prerequisite Requirements

Before you apply, please ensure that you have met the following prerequisite requirements as part of your undergraduate degree. Where there are deficiencies, students may be conditionally accepted with the requirement of completing undergraduate degree prerequisite courses achieving a minimum B grade before they may begin their graduate studies.

Statistics Research Methods Work experience in an area related to the child and youth field

Human Developmental Psychology in Areas of Childhood and/or Adolescence

Document Submission checklist

Official transcripts 4-year bachelor's degree preferably in a Social Science area (e.g., Early Childhood; Child and Youth Study; Psychology; Education; Social Work; Family Studies; Sociology). CGPA of 3.0 or above.

Note on Official Transcripts: When completing the [graduate application form](#) you are required to declare ALL completed degrees, diplomas and post-secondary certificates, programs that are currently in progress, incomplete studies, discontinued studies, non-degree studies/courses, courses or programs taken through university exchanges or by distance, failed courses, transfer credit courses, and online courses. You are required to submit all of these official transcripts as part of your graduate application. **Failure to disclose and provide an accurate and complete educational history and transcripts from all institutions you attended may be considered an intentional omission.**

Statement of Intent - Detailed guidelines for crafting your statement of intent can be found on page 2.

Two letters of reference (one academic, one professional)

Resume – Provide details of your experience in an area related to the child and youth field.

ESL scores – [MSVU ESL requirements can be found on our website](#).
[Upload](#) your unofficial test report as part of your application.

Official ESL test scores are required for applicants whose first language is not English, and who completed a degree from a country where the first language is not English. TOEFL and IELTS test takers can request electronic submission of scores to universities. An official paper score report ordered from the testing agency is required for all other tests.

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Guidelines for crafting your statement of intent

Applicants are required to have experience in an area related to the child and youth field, such as child and youth care practitioner, inclusion coordinator, early interventionist, child and/or youth administrator, educational assistant, pre-primary educator or pre-primary lead, child advocacy worker, child protection worker, youth outreach, child and youth counsellor, and international child and youth development.

In crafting your statement of intent, it is imperative to address the following key aspects:

1. **Academic and Professional Goals:** Articulate how the MA(CYS) graduate program will play a pivotal role in your journey towards achieving both your academic and professional aspirations. Highlight the specific ways in which this program aligns with your ambitions.
2. **Child and Youth Study Experience:** Share your experiences and involvement in the child and youth study fields. Detail your roles, responsibilities, and the impact of these experiences on your understanding of the field. Emphasize any significant achievements or challenges you've encountered.
3. **Relevance of Past Experiences:** Discuss how your practical experiences working with children and youth have prepared you for success in the MA(CYS) degree. When describing your relevant experiences, please indicate the length of time in these roles and elaborate on the skills, insights, and knowledge you have gained that can contribute to your academic pursuits within the program.
4. **Research Focus:** Provide a clear overview of your intended research focus. Specify the topics, issues, or questions you are passionate about exploring in the realm of child and youth study. Indicate your preferred research methodologies and approaches, such as qualitative, quantitative, or mixed-methods research.

By addressing these four key components in your statement of intent, you will present a comprehensive and compelling case for your suitability for the MA(CYS) Graduate Program and your potential to make a meaningful impact in the field of child and youth study.