

## **Ryerson BA in Early Childhood Studies and York BEd**

The concurrent BA/BEd program will qualify graduates to teach at the kindergarten, primary and junior levels. Graduates will also have the option to enter the job market and the new collaborative teaching team in full day kindergarten programs as a registered early childhood educator or a certified teacher. Graduates will have in depth understanding of differentiated instruction and thus will be leaders prepared to make a real difference in the lives of children and their families from diverse backgrounds.

The School of Early Childhood Studies at Ryerson University offers a four-year undergraduate degree (BA) in Early Childhood Studies. It has earned a reputation for graduating early childhood educators who are experts in the theory and application of child development, play-based curriculum instructional methods, special education and assessment in teaching young children in a variety of settings.

The Faculty of Education at York University offers an accredited BEd program. The concurrent BA/BEd program will be housed on the Ryerson campus, with faculty from York teaching BEd courses on site. Students will be required to complete all the courses and practicum requirements outlined by the Faculty of Education at York University, under the auspices of its Ontario College of Teachers accreditation in Initial Teacher Education. Graduates of the concurrent program will receive a Ryerson University BA in ECS and a York University, BEd.

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