

Child and Youth Care (Accelerated) (C153) Program Top Ten Frequently Asked Questions (and Answers!)

1. I understand that to be eligible to apply to the Child and Youth Care (Accelerated)(C153) program I must have previously completed a post-secondary academic credential. What credentials do you accept?

We believe that your existing credential combined with our Accelerated program and a passion for making a difference will prepare you for helping troubled children, youth and families.

While the program is well-suited for people who have a humanities or community services credential, (e.g. Psychology, Child Studies, Sociology, Community Worker, Social Service Worker, Assaulted Women's and Children's Counsellor/Advocate), we accept applicants with a broad range of previous academic experience. This includes subjects which might not have a direct connection to a humanities or community services background like business and science.

2. The program length indicates that it is '12 consecutive months of study'. What does that mean?

Unlike the three-year program which follows a more traditional school year format (September – December, January – April, summer break May – August), the Accelerated program is offered over 12 consecutive months, or three consecutive semesters (May – August, September – December, January – April).

While the Accelerated program provides students with a few days “off” between semesters (when one semester ends and before another one begins) and during the mid-semester reading weeks, there are no extended breaks during the 12 months of study. Students should plan to be in the program for 12 consecutive months.

3. Is the Accelerated diploma credential considered equivalent to the one earned in the three-year diploma?

Yes! The advanced diploma credential earned in the Accelerated (C153) program is equivalent to the one earned in the 3-year (C133) program.

Because our applicants are required to have existing post-secondary education, we are able to apply this credential toward the advanced diploma. So while the Accelerated program offers students the same program content from (C133) (full-time, 3-year program), it is delivered in a condensed format over a significantly shorter period of time.

4. *Is the Child and Youth Care (Accelerated) program available on a part-time basis?*

No. Unfortunately this program is only available on a full-time study basis.

5. *Can I apply for course exemptions?*

No. Unfortunately, you will not be able to apply for further course exemptions as exemptions have already been granted as part of the program admission requirements.

6. *Can I select my course timetable?*

No. Once you are accepted to the program, you will be given a timetable for the next semester. You will register for each semester in the order it becomes available and then you will be given a timetable for that semester.

Please note, courses can begin as early as 8 a.m. and can end as late 6 p.m.

7. *What is the likelihood of my getting a job after successful completion of this program?*

There is a strong likelihood of getting work in the Child and Youth Care (CYC) field after successfully completing the program. Most of the graduates who are looking for work, find jobs in the field within three months of completing this program. Many new graduates start out being hired into their first jobs on a part-time basis.

NOTE: This program is pleased to host an annual job fair which is held onsite for students completing their final semester. Approximately 35 agencies attend the event giving you the opportunity to meet and connect with, discuss job openings and submit applications. Some agencies have been known to book interview dates on the spot!

8. *How do Field Placements get assigned?*

Students will have two field placement opportunities (July-August and January-April). We do our best to provide our students with meaningful field placement assignments.

To best accomplish this, our Field Education Coordinator conducts a survey during the first few weeks of the semester (May) to gather specific information about each student including previous work experience and current residential location. The survey also provides a list of current placement opportunities and asks each student to rank their top three choices. The field placement coordinator then uses that information to match each student with the most appropriate field placement opportunity. Placement locations can be as far as one hour from your home.

Students have access to the Field Education Coordinator and are encouraged to participate in the matching process.

NOTE: All placement opportunities are arranged by the Field Education Coordinator. Therefore, students will not be required to search for their own placement. However, students will be required to interview for the potential placement opportunity once a placement has been assigned by the Field Education Coordinator.

9. Do you accept international students?

Yes, we are pleased to accept international students into the Child and Youth Care (Accelerated) program. Please remember that as an international student [you will be required to have a “co-op” work permit](#) before beginning a field placement. Please see this URL for further information: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work-coop.asp>

10. What are the possibilities for further study after completing the CYC (Accelerated) program?

You can apply your CYC credential for advanced standing with the following George Brown programs:

- Community Worker
- Social Service Worker
- Assaulted Women's and Children's Counsellor/Advocate

If you are interested in pursuing a university degree, successful graduates can apply to the CYC degree completion program at Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU). This program allows CYC diploma graduates to enter year 3 of the 4-year undergraduate program. This degree completion program can be completed either on a full- or part-time basis.

Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU) also offers a one-year, full-time or two-year, part-time Master of Arts program in Child and Youth Care (CYC).