

Title: Early Childhood Studies Program

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**Rachel Oudit** [00:00:07] Do you like working with kids? That's all you need to know when looking towards our Early Childhood Studies programs. Learn to educate and support children to be their best selves.

**Rachel Oudit** [00:00:19] Our professors are educators, behavioural therapists, early interventionists, speech and language specialists and professionals who are experts in the whole child. They bring a wealth of knowledge of how children develop and grow. Our interactive classroom envisions learning in a whole new light. In this classroom, you will learn what a supportive and inclusive environment feels like. Create activities, study the importance of play in a child's life, and understand exceptionality in a handful of environments.

**Rachel Oudit** [00:00:52] Our resource room is an important room in many ways. It's not only a space for you to sign out toys and educational materials to bring to your placements, but it's also the hub of the ECS community at the University of Guelph-Humber. 800 hours of placements sets you on the right path to the career of your dreams. You'll complete placements in educational settings with children, children with special needs, early intervention and therapeutic environments. Open yourself to all the possibilities in a career supporting children and their well-being that you never knew were possible. Register to become an early childhood educator right when you graduate or continue your education to grad school or teachers' college. Many of our graduates have become occupational therapists, speech and language pathologists, nurses and child life specialists.

**Tracey** [00:01:42] What I love about the Early Childhood Studies program is I am with people who share the same passion of working with children and wanting to help them grow and develop to be successful in their lives. But I also love is how welcoming everyone is. It's a lot smaller class sizes and we have to do a lot more hands-on things. Right now, I'm kind of thinking of working with children who have diverse needs or maybe in a therapeutic setting and I think for those who really treasure children, it's a great way to take the program and then be in a career where you actually enjoy what you're doing.