

CLASS SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: ELC 143 – Practicum 1
CLASS SECTION: R04
TERM: W2023
COURSE CREDITS: 4
DELIVERY METHOD(S): Synchronous, online

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Ləkʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here.
Learn more about Camosun's [Territorial Acknowledgement](#).

<https://camosun.ca/about/covid-19-updates>

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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OFFICE: CHW 312 in person or virtual
HOURS: By appointment

As your course instructors, we endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with us. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Students will integrate and demonstrate the skills, knowledge, attitudes and theory at an introductory level, gained through the program. Students will develop caring and culturally appropriate relationships and practices with children, family, colleagues and community, and will begin to demonstrate the roles and responsibilities of the early childhood professional.

PREREQUISITE(S): All of: C+ in ELC 110; C+ in ELC 130; C+ in ELC 150; COM in ELC 160; C+ in ELC 170
CO-REQUISITE(S): n/a
PRE/CO-REQUISITE(S): All of: C+ in ELC 113; C+ in ELC 120; C+ in PSYC 154; C+ in IST 120

COURSE DELIVERY

ACTIVITY	HOURS / WEEK	# OF WEEKS	ACTIVITY HOURS
Lecture			
Seminar	2	14	28
Lab / Collaborative Learning			
Supervised Field Practice			180
Workplace Integrated Learning			

	TOTAL HOURS	208

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course a student will be able to:

- a) use beginning level critical thinking skills in the ongoing, dynamic creation and reflection of early learning and care practices.
- b) support young children's well-being and holistic learning at a beginning level within the context of family, culture, and community.
- c) begin to establish, maintain, evaluate and adapt inclusive, nurturing, safe and healthy environments which exceed the requirements of current legislation, regulatory bodies and program policies.
- d) use respectful, professional and culturally sensitive interpersonal communication skills in all aspects of work as an early learning and care professional.
- e) demonstrate basic knowledge of Indigenous ways of knowing and being and the impact of residential schools and on-going colonization that enable supportive early learning experiences for aboriginal children, families and community at a beginning level.
- f) develop caring relationships with young children, families, and colleagues as a foundation for early learning and care practice.
- g) demonstrate professional responsibility and accountability as an early childhood educator by adhering to the Early Childhood Code of Ethics (principles of fairness, equity and diversity).

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

Textbook: Curtis, D. (2013). Reflecting in Communities of Practice: A Workbook for Early Childhood Educators. Redleaf Press.

Textbook: Murray, C. (2021). Illuminating Care: The pedagogy and practice of care in early childhood communities. Exchange Press.

Textbook: British Columbia Early Learning Framework (2019). I. British Columbia. Ministry of Education. II. British Columbia. Ministry of Health. III. British Columbia. Ministry of Children and Family Development. IV. British Columbia. Early Learning Advisory Group.

Coursepack: Elliot, E. (2018). Listening to Children. Camosun College

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

STUDENT: Students are required to attend all scheduled practicum sessions in the field and all classroom seminars unless they have a legitimate medical reason. *Students are required to attend practicum a minimum 3 days a week for twelve weeks.*

Practicum: Students must notify both the Mentor and Instructor prior to any absences. If you are suddenly too sick to attend practicum, both the centre and your instructor must be contacted that morning. All missed

hours will need to be made up; students must connect with the College instructor within one week of absences to make a plan for make-up hours. If you require exceptions to this, it is important to discuss this prior with your instructors. *Missing more than 4 practicum days will result in a no credit*, however your instructor and mentor will try and support you in getting the needed hours. In case of a serious illness, a student will be able to apply for a medical withdraw.

Seminar Class: Students are requested to notify their seminar instructor of any absences. If a seminar is missed students are required to complete a “missed seminar” assignment and hand it in within four calendar days of the missed class, otherwise it will be counted as incomplete.

If more than two seminars are missed, the student is at risk for not passing practicum, and must meet with the instructor and the program lead to discuss strategies for being successful in practicum.

EVALUATION

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Inquiry: Making Learning Visible Part 1 Collecting traces of care, practice and environment Part 2 Critical thinking and reflection engagement Part 3 Pedagogical Choice-making All parts shared weekly with instructor	20%
Communities of Practice (weekly meetings) Reflection and Plans shared weekly with instructor	20%
Applied Project – Responding, dialoguing and planning as a way to invite collaboration with others Draft due by mid-semester	20%
Portfolio – a body of pedagogical narrations reflecting practice and relationships	20%
Journal Article	20%
TOTAL	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see us as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](#) policy for more information.

CLASS GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Students will be evaluated primarily on the basis of their performance in the practicum setting. Evaluation will be based on performance, not potential; the mentor in the field will be aware that this is a process with

consistent competency as the final goal. Students will need to meet all learning outcomes to receive a passing grade (COM). Students will receive help and suggestions and be encouraged to consider their own performance, both in discussions with the field placement mentor and in weekly Practicum seminars. The Camosun College instructors will schedule meetings with the facility and be available for discussions. Working well in your placement setting is the most important indicator of suitability for this field.

All assignments must be completed before a grade will be assigned. All practicum outcomes must be demonstrated at a C+ level or higher, and each assignment must be completed by the due date at a C+ level or higher to be considered "complete". Assignments may be sent back if they are not a C+ level or better.

Assignments are expected on the due date. Extensions must be negotiated with your instructor prior to due dates. Opportunity to rewrite assignments supports articulation of ELC knowledge, skills and attitudes. Late assignments submitted in the last week of term will not have the opportunity for rewrites.

The Camosun instructor makes the final decision whether a student has been successful with their practicum experience. Final grading is either a "COM" for Completed or "NC" for Not Completed.

Students are expected to notify the college instructor and mentor of any situation that is interfering with their ability to fully participate in practicum. Students will be withdrawn from a practicum placement for behavior which endangers the health, safety or well-being of the children or staff.

Compulsory Withdrawal

You will be withdrawn from a practicum placement for behaviour which endangers the health, safety or well-being of the children or staff.

- Any incidents of abuse or neglect by a student will result in immediate withdrawal from the practicum and the student will receive a failing grade.
- Any use of, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol while at practicum will result in immediate withdrawal from the practicum and you will receive a failing grade.
- You are expected to notify the college instructor and mentor of any situation that is interfering with your ability to fully participate in practicum.
- Mentors have the right to terminate a practicum placement when the student's behaviours interfere with the program and/or the children.

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

<https://legacy.camosun.ca/learn/school/health-human-services/index.html>

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising

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Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centers (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

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Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-370-3841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this Syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.