



PROGRAMME ADVISING

Certificate in Early Childhood Development and Family Studies

ACADEMIC YEAR
2025/2026

Online Programmes Delivery Department (OPDD)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO GUIDE COURSE SELECTION & REGISTRATION

Kindly review this document at the start of each semester for any adjustments to the schedule.



New Students

Students who enrolled as of Academic Year 2025/2026 must follow the prescribed course of study and sequence given for their programme.

Continuing Students

Students are required to successfully complete all courses in Level 1 before they can proceed to undertake Level 2 courses. Please continue to follow the prescribed course of study given.

Advice For Managing Course Load

Most students carry between 1-4 courses per semester. **For the working adult**, we recommend that you **do not attempt more than three (3) courses** per Semester and two (2) courses in Summer. Plan wisely to suit your particular situation to perform at your full potential. Do not jeopardize your long-term goals by being unrealistic about what you can handle.

IMPORTANT NOTE for New Students

Orientation is the first step to achieving academic and personal success at the UWI Global Campus. It supports you by assisting with your transition to the online environment. It will equip you with the needed navigational skills to function successfully online and provide pertinent information about the available services, go-to persons, and responsibilities as an online student. You must attend the online sessions offered by the Online Programmes Delivery Department (OPDD) and the session provided at your local site office.

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The **Certificate in Early Childhood Development & Family Studies programme** is designed to equip Early Childhood professionals within the Commonwealth Caribbean countries with the requisite knowledge and skills to work effectively with young children and their families from birth through eight years of age. The teaching and learning strategies in this programme are designed to support digital literacy, and students will be encouraged to share knowledge and best practices within the region. The programme is delivered online using the Global Campus “Learning Exchange” environment (Moodle/Learning Management System).

Certificate in Early Childhood Development & Family Studies programme operates under a semester system.

- Semesters 1 and 2 each have thirteen (13) weeks of instruction plus an examination period.
- Summer session has seven (7) weeks of instruction plus the examination period.



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COURSE CODE	COURSE NAME	SEMESTER	PREREQUISITES & TIPS
FOUN1001	English for Academic Purposes	1, 2, Summer	ELPT (English Language Proficiency) – With effect from the Academic year 2019-2020, all newly admitted students to the University of the West Indies will be required to register for the required FOUN1001 (unless otherwise exempted) as part of their Level One undergraduate degree programme. Students are encouraged to register for this course during the first year of their registration. If your Offer Letter from Admissions indicates that you must take the ELPT, then you must pass this prerequisite test before you are allowed to do FOUN1001. TIP: If you have already passed the ELPT, you should register for FOUN1001 in the Semester 1. To move on to Level 2 courses, students must successfully pass this course.
FOUN1301	Law, Governance, Economy & Society	1, 2, Summer	None
FOUN1501	Foundation for Learning Success	1, 2	None
ECFS1001	History & Philosophy of Early Childhood	1	None
ECFS1002	Child, Growth & Development	1	None
ECFS1003	Health, Safety & Nutrition	1	None
ECFS1006	Curriculum Development & Assessment	2	None This course is only offered once for the academic year, so you need to register for ECFS1006 and ECFS1007 at the same time.

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ECFS1007	Practicum 1	2	<i>ECFS1001, ECFS1002, ECFS1003</i> All students need to submit the following documents via the Google Form link (https://forms.gle/yWVZhpyBik7jbl7): 1. A recent (six months or less) police certificate of good character. 2. A completed and signed <i>In Case of Emergency Form</i> (found here: https://www.open.uwi.edu/ecdfs/ecdfs-practicum-courses) 3. A completed UWIOC Health Assessment form. 4. Their chosen practicum dates – 10 practicum days; three consecutive days until the ten-day requirement has been completed OR two consecutive weeks. Students must read the 2025-2026 Practicum Handbook. This can be found at https://www.open.uwi.edu/ecdfs/ecdfs-practicum-courses.
ECFS1004	Understanding Behaviour	Summer	None
ECFS1008	Child Rights & Protection Issues	Summer	None

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