

# The Master's of Science in Child Life and Pediatric Psychosocial Care

is the first program of its kind in Canada. It is a **professional and practice-focused graduate degree** offered through a blended delivery of **online and in-class formats**.

The online courses provide a **highly accessible and flexible schedule** while the two mandatory in-person residency courses (4 days each on campus) provide learners with the **opportunity to network and engage** with faculty and students.

Graduates will be prepared to incorporate and **advocate for pediatric psychosocial needs** and patient and family-centred care to **address the diverse needs of infants, children, youth and families** in pediatric health and community settings.



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# MSc

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HEALTH SCIENCES  
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Psychosocial Care Program

## TWO STREAMS ARE OFFERED

**Stream 1** Will provide academic and clinical training (2 internships) to prepare students with knowledge, clinical skills, and professional behaviours to practice as entry-level child life specialists.



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| Full Time | 2 Years |
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**Stream 2** Will provide health professionals with advanced practice skills in pediatric psychosocial care, in a course-based format (no internships) to broaden their careers.

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| Full Time | 1 Year      |
| Part-Time | 2 – 4 Years |

## MSc. ADMISSIONS

Applicants are required to meet admission requirements of the School of Graduate Studies:

- ✓ Honour's degree or the international equivalent from an accredited university
- ✓ B+ average in the final year of undergraduate study

## STREAM 1

Stream 1 has earned graduate endorsement through the ACLP. It is offered as a full-time, 24 month long, entry-to-child life practice Master's program. All courses are required and follow sequentially. Graduates of this stream meet child life professional certification eligibility requirements.

### ADDITIONAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum of 100 volunteer hours in a child life setting
- A minimum of 2 undergraduate child development courses covering birth to 18 years

### YEAR ONE

- Child Life Residency 1 (4 days on campus)
- The Child, Youth and Family in Healthcare
- Educational Research Methods in Health Sciences Education
- Pediatric Psychosocial Assessment
- Grief, Loss and Bereavement in Childhood and Adolescence
- Evaluating Evidence: An Approach to Critical Evaluation of the literature
- The Vulnerable Child and Youth
- Child Life: Foundations of Play
- Professional Ethics
- Child Life Residency 2 (4 days on campus)

### YEAR TWO

- Clinical Internship 1 (13 weeks – 360hrs.)
- Clinical Skills Seminar 1
- Clinical Internship 2 (13 weeks – 360hrs.)
- Clinical Skills Seminar 2
- Program Planning and Evaluation
- Independent Master's Project

## STREAM 2

Stream 2 students have both required and elective course options so studies can be tailored to suit continuing education interests.

The anticipated completion is 12 months (full-time) or 24-48 months (part-time). Students will acquire theoretical and applied knowledge to support child and youth coping, and recommend systems to enhance patient and family centred services in their clinical settings.

### ADDITIONAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Those applying for stream 2 should have qualifications as a health professional.

### REQUIRED CORE COURSES

- Pediatric Psychosocial Care Residency 1 (4 days on campus)
- Educational Research Methods in Health Sciences Education
- Evaluating Evidence: An Approach to Critical Evaluation of the Literature
- Professional Ethics
- Current Issues in Pediatric Psychosocial Care
- Independent Master's Project
- Pediatric Psychosocial Care Residency 2 (4 days on campus)

### ELECTIVE OPTIONS (SELECT THREE)

- Special Topics in Pediatric Psychosocial Care
- The Vulnerable Child and Youth
- Pediatric Psychosocial Assessment
- Grief, Loss & Bereavement in Childhood and Adolescence
- Program Planning and Evaluation
- Children, Youth and Families in Healthcare
- Other graduate elective(s) approved in advance by the program