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GEORGE BROWN PREPS EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS

George Brown College offers a four-year degree program with the goal of preparing early childhood professionals with program leadership ability.

After graduating from the program, you will have a knowledge and practice base that can help you move into supervisory and director positions in a full range of early childhood programs as your career progresses.

This Early Childhood Leadership program prepares you to guide and lead curriculum in Ontario's early childhood settings such as child-care centres, nursery schools, family drop-in programs, family support programs, and early intervention services.

It also prepares you for positions such as Registered Ear-

PROGRAM LASTS 4 YEARS

The Early Childhood Leadership degree program focuses across the four years:

YEAR 1: Understanding Children, Early Childhood Programs and Foundation Professional Skills.

YEAR 2: Evidence-based Understanding and Curriculum and Infrastructure Design.

YEAR 3: Leadership for Quality Skills and Professional Specialization.

YEAR 4: Advanced Inquiry and Preparation for the Workforce.

ly Childhood Educators, working in partnership with certified teachers in the new Full Day Early Learning programs that are replacing junior and senior kindergarten.

Patricia Chorney Rubin, chair of the Early Childhood Department says, "Part of the McGuinty government's focus on Best Start initiatives was to look

at early childhood as a sector, and one of the findings was that there was indeed a leadership gap in the sector in terms of the early years.

"It would benefit the sector to have greater opportunities to study more in terms of degrees. There are clearly job opportunities in the early years sector and they will be occurring in Full Day Early Learning. Having a degree will certainly position you well for jobs as they become competitive."

The Early Childhood Leadership degree program is delivered in an applied learning environment. Case studies, demonstrations and practice opportunities are part of most of the courses.

Students have four field experiences, including a 14-week, full-time work internship.

"We see that people will probably land in one of three areas: Government municipal policy; people that are interested in research; and then there are people that really want to work with children and families in front-line areas," says Chorney Rubin.