



SHERIDAN COLLEGE PHOTO

# APPLIED LEADERSHIP

## SHERIDAN DEGREE AIMS TO DEVELOP PROGRESSIVE LEADERS

Sheridan College is offering a new and innovative four-year Bachelor of Applied Arts in Early Childhood Leadership (ECL) that prepares you to become a leader in early childhood education and care.

The ECL degree aims to develop progressive leaders in diverse disciplines in early childhood education and child advocacy. You will learn in state-of-the-art facilities utilizing technology and hands-on

application in a curriculum that emphasizes best practices in early learning.

Program co-ordinator Nathalie Di Francesco says, “There aren’t a lot of bachelor degrees in our field in general, and this specific degree is innovative and new because it’s a four-year program in early childhood education, but it also has a leadership component.”

This fills a requirement in a field where there’s little training for people aspiring to become co-ordinators of

programs or services where young children are involved.

One of the great things about Sheridan’s bachelor program is the work term. You will get three field placements and one 14-week work term internship for a total of 1,160 field hours. The applied nature of the program will support your entry into the workforce with relevant practical experiences.

“That’s why it’s a Bachelor of

## TOPICS INCLUDE

With the Early Childhood Leadership (ECL) Program, you will learn about such topics as: Theories of human development; early childhood pedagogy; program models in early childhood; curriculum design and implementation; roles and responsibilities of leaders in early childhood; research, analysis and evaluation; and managing developmental and organizational growth in the early childhood workforce.

Applied Arts and not just Bachelor of Arts. We really focus on the applied perspective,” says Di Francesco.

Students, as they enter their third and fourth years, will develop team-building and management skills and are encouraged to engage in advocacy and leadership in their field.

Graduates of the program enjoy a broad range of employment opportunities, says Di Francesco.

“Some of our graduates will go on to own early childhood centres and programs, some will become directors, many will co-ordinate programs for specific services in our region.

“We’re also looking at research opportunities in our field and how to expand peoples’ knowledge and the public’s awareness.”