

Textbook Information

General Information

Pacific Rim Early Childhood Institute uses both hard copy textbooks and online resources in the course materials. Please ensure you have purchased the required textbook prior to enrolling in the associated course. Double check you have the correct title, author and edition.

Required textbooks may be purchased from any source. For convenience there are direct links to most of the textbooks on [our website](#). Many of the textbooks are available as eBooks for purchase or rental from services such as VitalSource.

If the textbook edition listed is not available please order a more recent edition. The total cost for new textbooks for the Basic ECE Certificate program is approximately \$970. The total cost for new textbooks for both the post-basic ITE and SNE Certificate programs is approximately \$1080. Students may be able to find suitable used textbooks. For students living outside BC, there may be an additional cost to subscribe to the Science of Early Childhood Development “living textbooks” required for some of the courses. The 2-year subscription is approximately the cost of a single textbook and the resource can be used for many courses over the subscription period.

Science of Early Childhood and Development Resource Information

Many Pacific Rim Early Childhood Institute course materials require access to the Science of Early Childhood Development “North American Edition” and/or the “Child Development Primer”. These resources are considered “living textbooks” which are prepared and updated frequently by Canadian Early Childhood experts. If one or both of these resources is required for a course, they will be listed in the “Required Textbook” section below along with other required textbooks.

For living in British Columbia

Both “living textbooks” are free without a subscription for students accessing the [SECD website](#) from within the borders of British Columbia. Students within the borders of BC, may simply click on the links provided within course materials and they will be directed to the correct website as long as their Internet Browser’s “Location Services” is turned on. [Frequently asked questions](#) about geolocation and use of this resource, including on [how to handle references](#) to the SECD materials can be found on their website.

For students living outside British Columbia

Students accessing the materials outside the province of British Columbia may be required to purchase a 2-year online subscription to one or both of the “North American Edition” and the “Child Development Primer” depending on which course(s) they are planning to enroll in during the 2-year subscription period. Access to both can be purchased through the [SECD Website](#). The cost for both sections is comparable to the cost of a textbook.

Students should only purchase a subscription if they are not living within the province of British Columbia, and should only purchase the “living textbook(s)” that are required for the course(s) they are planning to enroll in during the 2-year subscription period.

Required Textbooks

Basic Program

Early Childhood Educator Certificate

Health, Safety and Nutrition

Marotz, L. R. (2024). *Health, safety, and nutrition for the young child* (11th ed.). Cengage. ISBN: 9780357765760

Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), North American Edition. *Free Access for students within British Columbia, and paid [Online Subscription](#) for those living outside British Columbia.*

Child Growth and Development

Kail, R. V. & Zolner, T. (2019) *Children: A chronological approach* (6th Canadian ed.). Prentice Hall. ISBN: 0135413931

Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), North American Edition and Child Development Primer. *Free Access for students within British Columbia, and paid [Online Subscription](#) for those living outside British Columbia.*

Guiding and Caring

Weissman, P., & Hendrick, J. (2014). *The whole child: Developmental education for the Early Years* (10th ed.). Pearson. ISBN: 0132853426

Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), North American Edition and Child Development Primer. *Free Access for students within British Columbia, and paid [Online Subscription](#) for those living outside British Columbia.*

Practicum I – Observing and Recording

Stacey, S. (2015). [*Pedagogical documentation in early childhood: Sharing children's learning and teachers' thinking*](#). Redleaf Press. ISBN: 1605543918. *Free Access for students*

Foundations in Early Childhood Education

Gordon, A. M., & Browne, K. W. (2024). *Beginnings & beyond: Foundations in early childhood education* (11th ed.). Cengage. ISBN: 9780357625163

Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), North American Edition and Child Development Primer. *Free Access for students within British Columbia, and paid [Online Subscription](#) for those living outside British Columbia.*

ECE Curriculum I, II and III - *Both textbooks and online SECD access are required for all three courses*

Weissman, P., & Hendrick, J. (2014). *The whole child: Developmental education for the Early Years* (10th ed.). Pearson. ISBN: 0132853426

Crowther, I. (2016). *Creating effective learning environments* (4th ed.). Nelson Canada. ISBN: 0176531769.

Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), North American Edition and Child Development Primer. *Free Access for students within British Columbia, and paid [Online Subscription](#) for those living outside British Columbia.*

Interpersonal Communication

Alder, R. B., Proctor II, R. F., Manning, J., Barfuss, N. & Rolls, J. A. (2024) *Look: Looking out, looking in* (5th Canadian ed.). Cengage. ISBN: 9781774747711

Required Textbooks

Post-Basic Programs

Infant/Toddler Educator Certificate & Special Needs Educator Certificate

Infant Toddler Growth and Development

Fogel, A. (2014). *Infancy infant, family and Society* (6th ed.). Sloan Publishing. ISBN: 1597380512
Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), [North American Edition](#). Free Access for students within British Columbia, and paid [Online Subscription](#) for those living outside British Columbia.

Working with Families

Gestwicki, C. (2016). *Home, school & community relations* (9th ed.). Cengage. ISBN: 1305089014
Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), [North American Edition](#). Free Access for students within British Columbia, and paid [Online Subscription](#) for those living outside British Columbia.

Centre Administration

Chandler, K. (2019). *Administering for quality: Leading and collaborating in Canadian Early Childhood Education Programs* (6th ed.). Pearson Canada Inc. ISBN: 0134755626
Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), [North American Edition](#). Free Access for students within British Columbia, and paid [Online Subscription](#) for those living outside British Columbia.

Working with Infants and Toddlers – Part I

Gonzalez-Mena, J., & Eyer, D. W. (2021). *Infants, toddlers, and caregivers: A curriculum of respectful, responsive, relationship-based care and Education* (12th ed.). McGraw-Hill Education. ISBN: 1260237788
Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), [North American Edition](#). Free Access for students within British Columbia, and paid [Online Subscription](#) for those living outside British Columbia.

Working with Infants and Toddlers – Part II

Gonzalez-Mena, J., & Eyer, D. W. (2021). *Infants, toddlers, and caregivers: A curriculum of respectful, responsive, relationship-based care and Education* (12th ed.). McGraw-Hill Education. ISBN: 1260237788
Zero to Three. (2008). *Caring for Infants & Toddlers in groups: Developmentally appropriate practice* (2nd ed.). ISBN: 1934019267
Marotz, L. R. (2024). *Health, safety, and nutrition for the young child* (11th ed.). Cengage. ISBN: 9780357765760
Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD), [North American Edition](#). Free Access for students within British Columbia, and paid [Online Subscription](#) for those living outside British Columbia.

Inclusion in Early Childhood Settings – Part I and Part II - *Both textbooks are required for both courses*

Langford, R., Nolan, K., Cipparrone, B., Pighini, M., Ineese-Nash, N., Allen, K. E., Chowderly, G.E. (2024). *Inclusion in Early Childhood Programs* (8th Canadian ed.). Cengage. ISBN: 9871774747780
Crowther, I. (2010). *Inclusion in early childhood settings: Children with special needs in Canada* (2nd ed.). Pearson Canada. ISBN: 0132082020