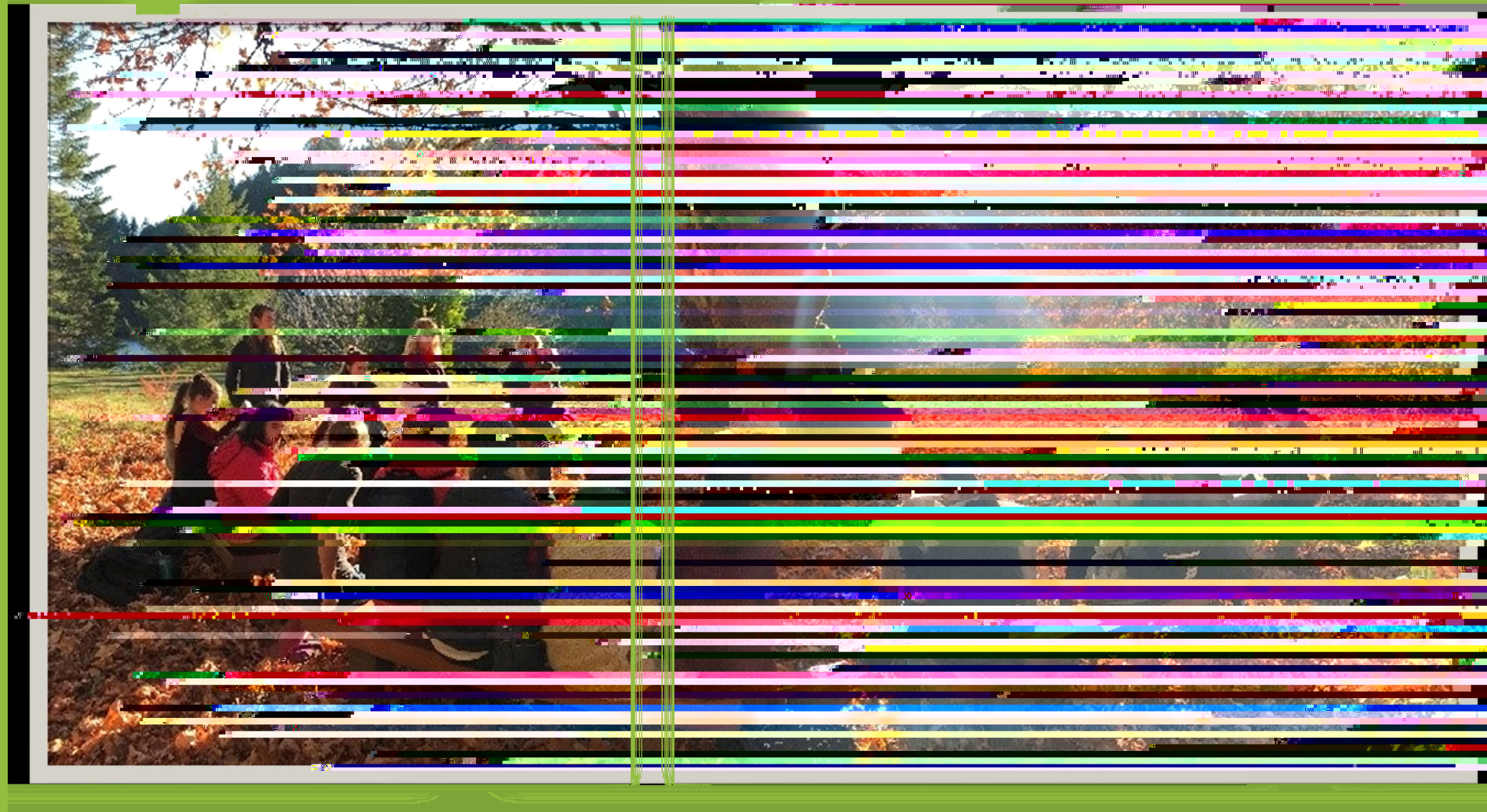


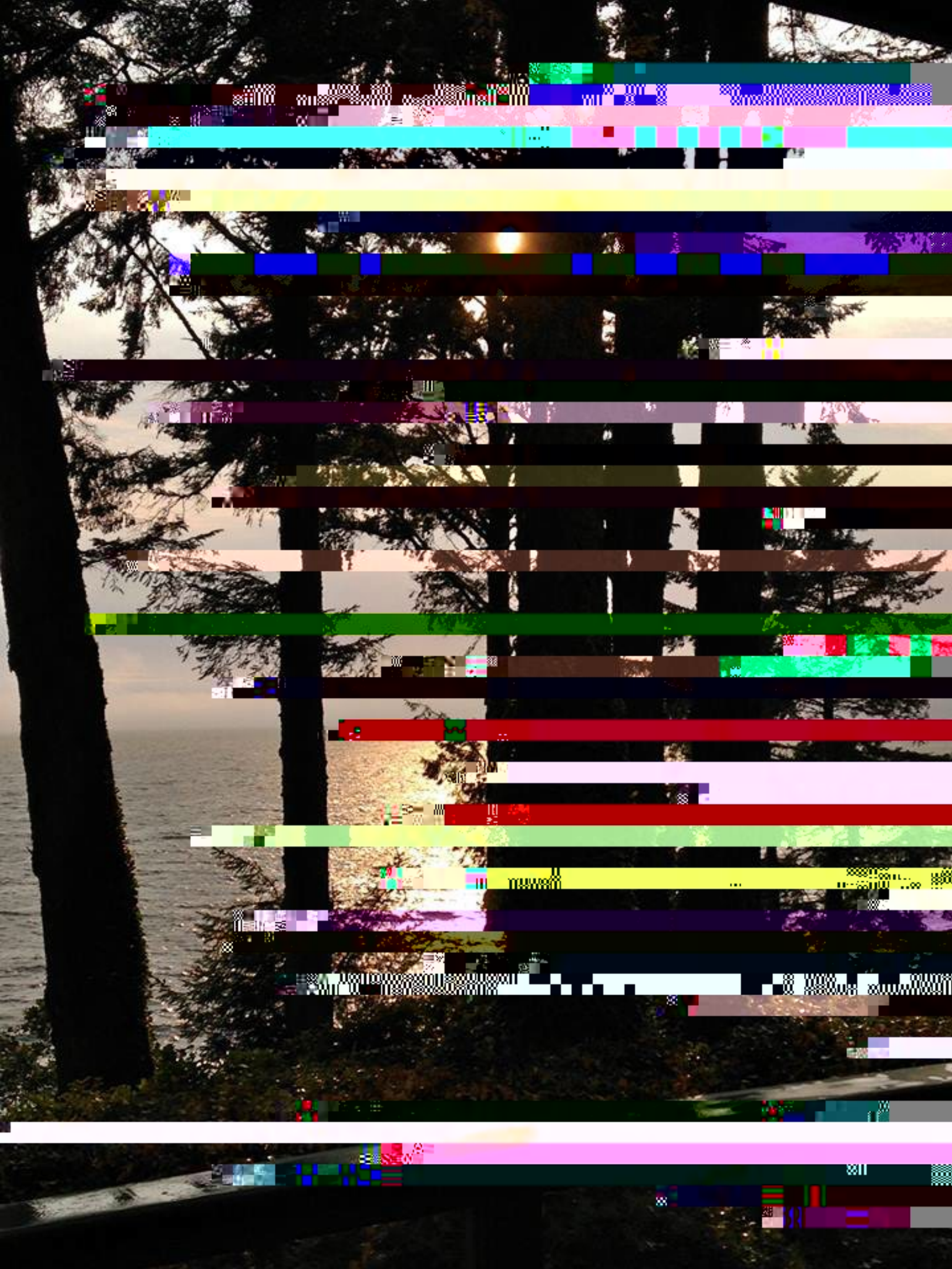
Early Learning & Care (ELC) Diploma



Information Session

* Note, completing this information session is a prerequisite for entry into this program.
Upon completion, you will be asked to complete a short survey.





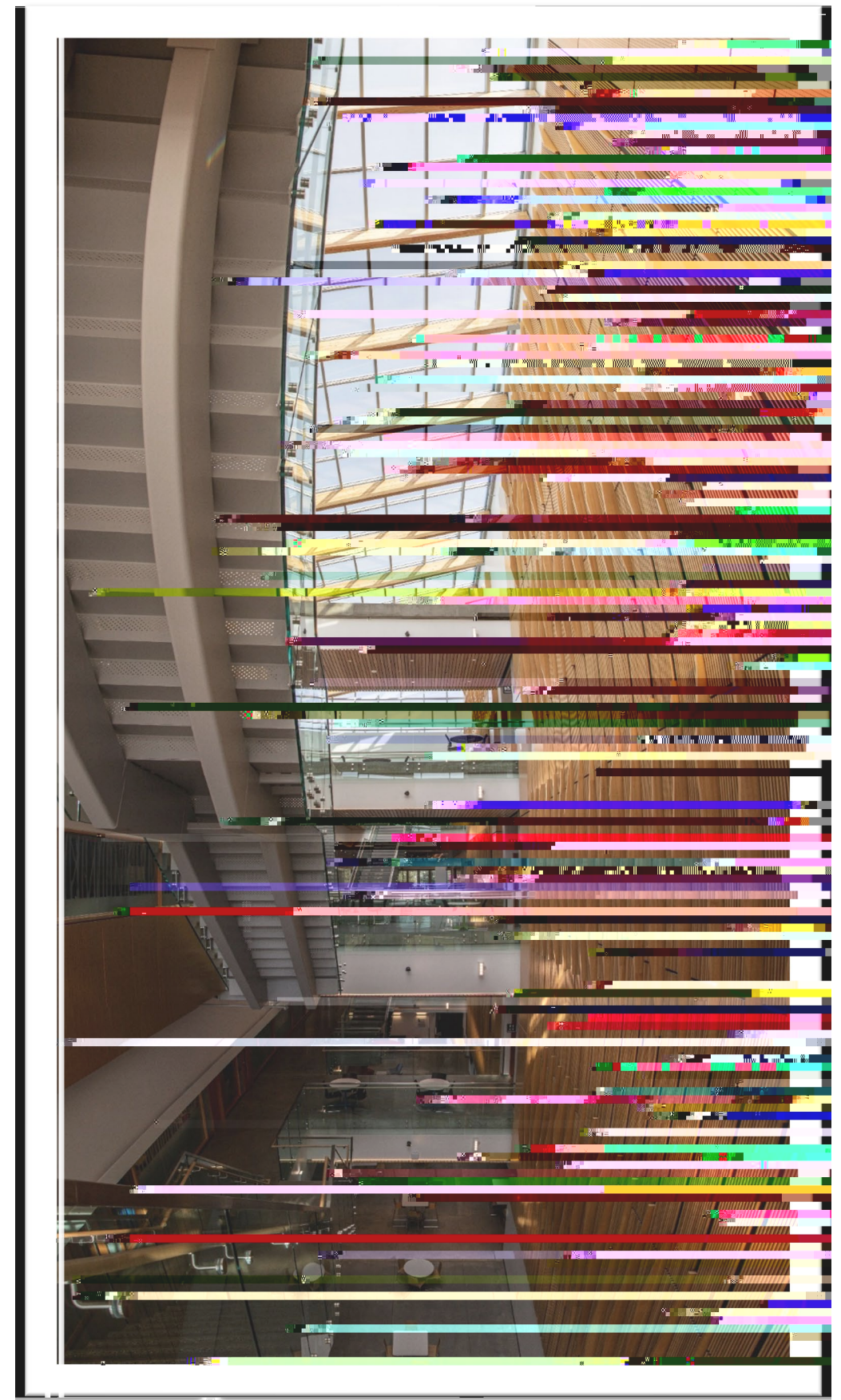
Territorial Acknowledgement

Camosun College respectfully acknowledges that our campuses are situated on the territories of the Ojibwa (Songhees and Kosapsun) and Kwakwaka'wakw. We honour their knowledge and welcome to all students who seek education here.



Camosun College

- Camosun College is B.C.'s largest public college
- 19,000+ students
- 1,200+ faculty and staff
- Programs range from arts and business to tech and trades to university transfer and continuing education
- Credentials include dual credits, certificates, diplomas, degrees, post-degree diplomas



School of Health & Human Services (HHS)

Camosun College offers more than 15 health and human services programs, including degrees, post degree diplomas, certificates, diplomas and university transfer courses.



Centre for Health and Wellness (CHW)

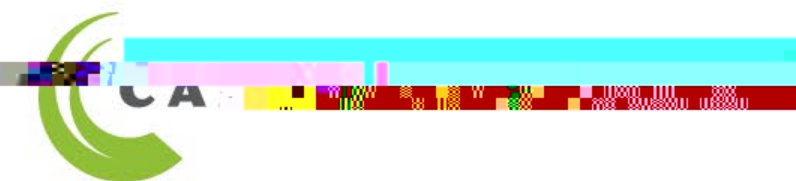
- All HHS Programs except Dental are delivered at the CHW at Interurban Campus
- The CHW brings together HHS Programs and allows an interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning
- The CHW provides twenty-first century learning environments including modern classrooms designed to foster active learning, hands-on labs, high technology simulation environments, and lots of collaboration spaces



Alex & Jo Campbell Centre for Health and Wellness

21st century education for outstanding health and wellness professionals

- \$63.8million investment
- 89,000sq. ft. facility at Interurban campus
- 800+ students
- Latest in health education teaching
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The Early Learning and Care program prepares graduates for entry into the professional field of early learning and care. Students will gain skills, understanding and knowledge to develop respectful relationships and create inclusive, responsive, caring environments to support infants, toddlers, pre-school age children, including families and caregivers.



Within a learning environment that is reflective, collaborative, responsive and democratic, the EPO program offers students opportunities to consider and honour the multiple perspectives and ways of knowing, doing and being that exist, and to challenge the

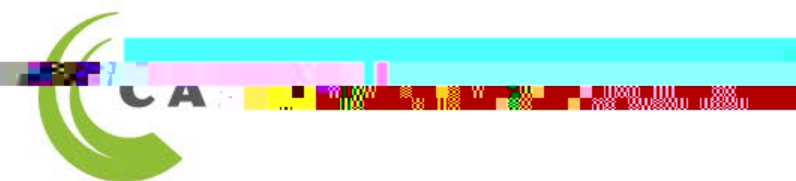
Your ELC education will help prepare you to contribute excellence and professionalism to the field by building reflective and caring relationships with children, families and community.

- Critical thinking skills
- Democratic practices
- Holistic hands-on learning
- Knowledge of Indigenous ways of knowing and being

Graduates of the Program

Graduates will gain specialized knowledge and skills necessary to support infants, toddlers, preschool age children, including children with diverse abilities in a variety of settings such as daycare and preschool centres, Strong Start, and other related programs.

With further education, you may eventually seek employment as a



Admission Requirements

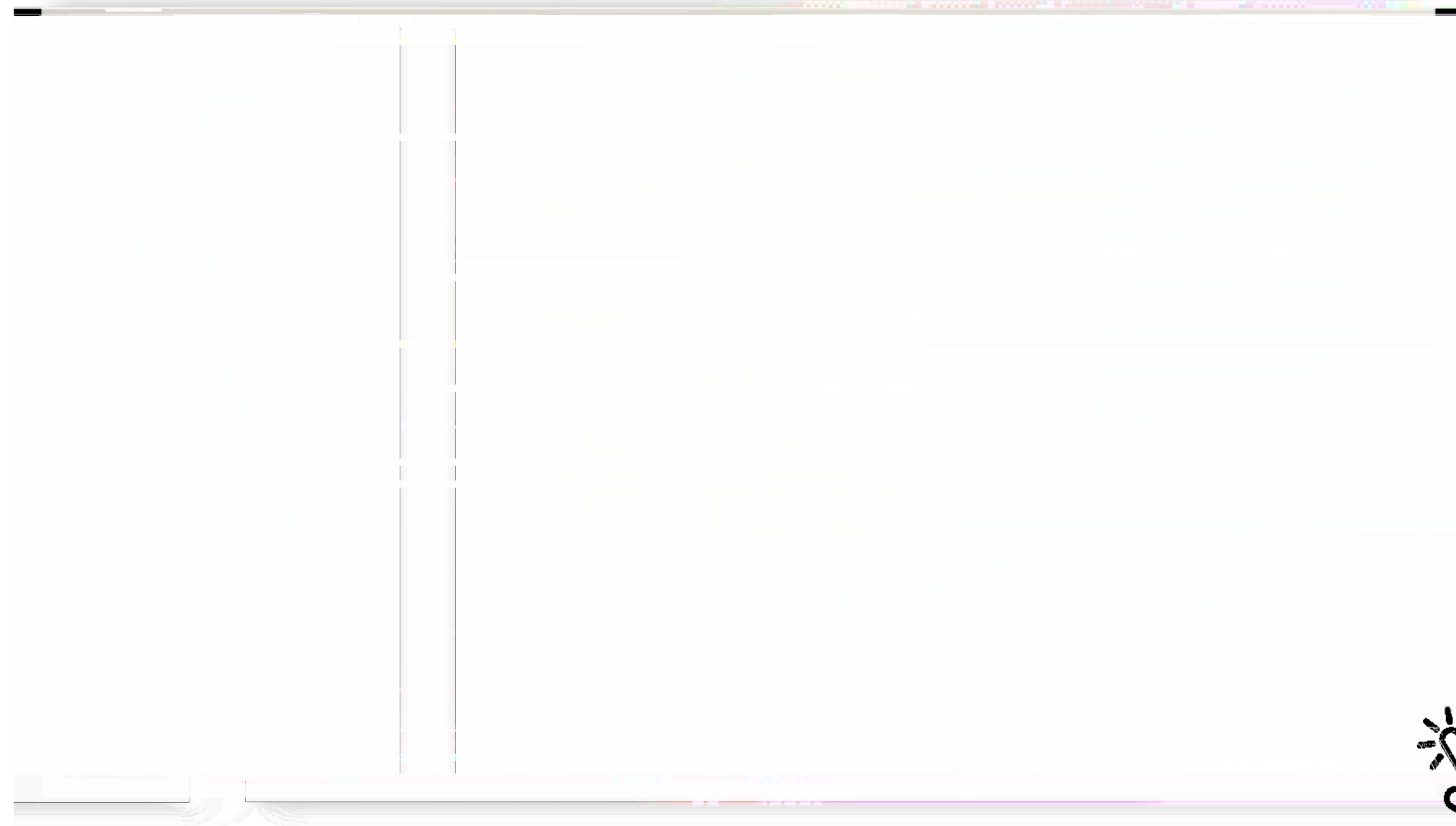
- C+ in English 12 (See Admission details on the ELC website)
<https://camosun.ca/programs/courses/findprogram/early-learning--pro> Am

Participation requirements

Students are required to:

- Submit documented completion of a current First Aid Certificate accepted by the Child Care Facilities Licensing Board.
 - Students are responsible for the fee.
- Criminal Record Check through the Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General for Camosun College. Camosun will email you with information on how to complete the CRC.
 - Students are responsible for the \$28 submission fee.
<https://camosun.ca/registrationrecords/studentrecords/criminalrecord-check>

Student Testimonials & Answers to Frequently Asked Questions:





Early Learning and Care

Broad training allows you to work in a variety of community based Early Learning settings with a wide range of people

“Healthy community, one relationship at a time”

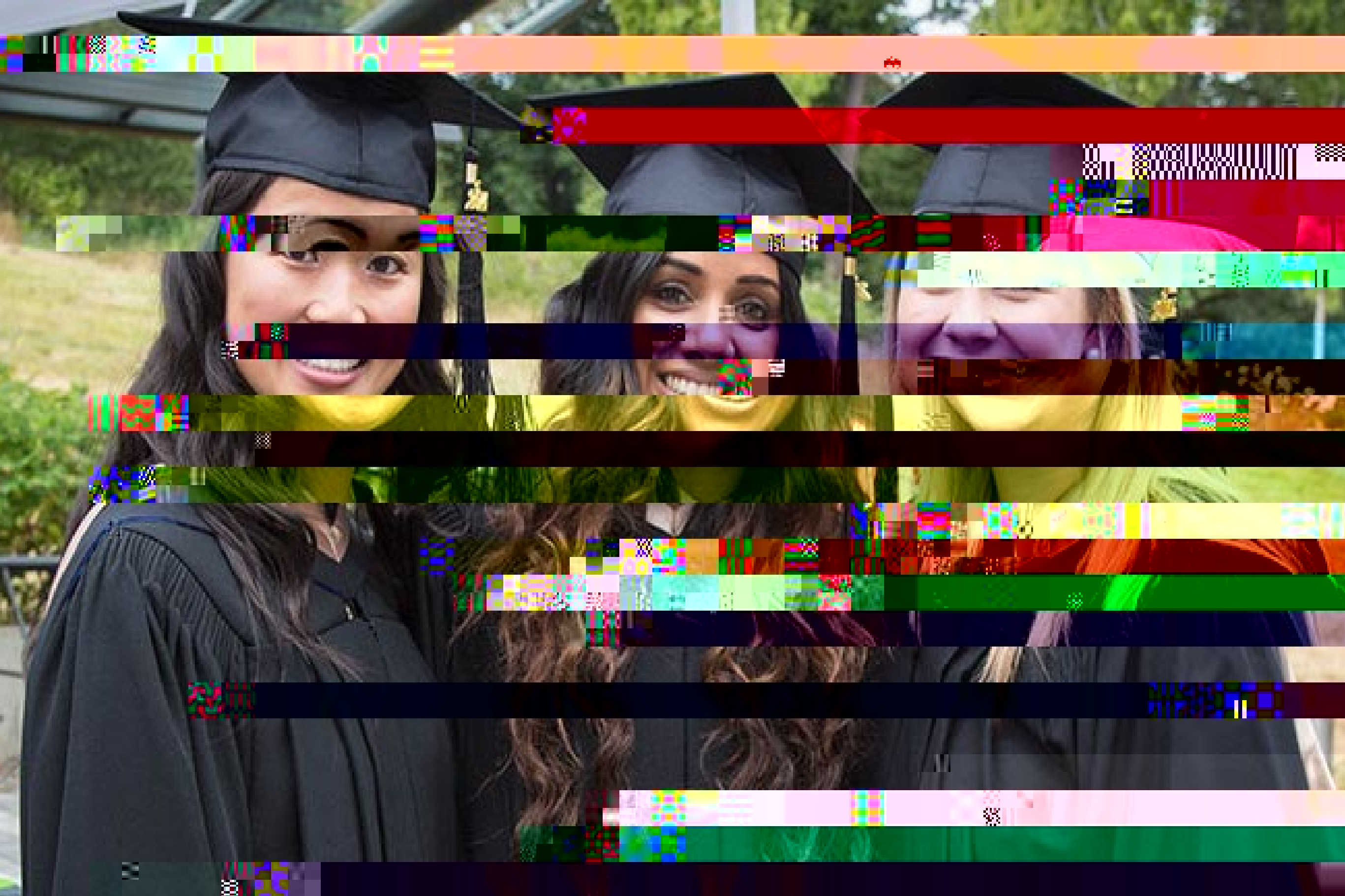


Possibilities

ECE Registry Camosun College is an approved Institute with the BC ECE registry. This means all courses will lead to approval of provincial certification.

To find out more:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education/training/early->



Optional

TRANSFER CREDITS
Completion of this certificate provides you with transfer credits towards a Bachelor degree in Child and Youth Care at most BC Universities, or other related postsecondary programs.

Further education possibilities



Employment

ELC Grads are employed in varied settings, for example:

Graduates are prepared with a strong foundation for many professional opportunities in the field of early learning and care.

They have the specialized knowledge and skills necessary to create responsive, caring environments for all including infants, toddlers, pre-school age children and children with diverse abilities.

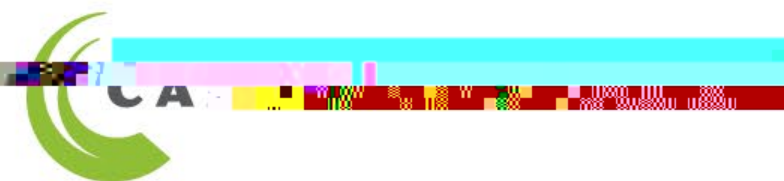
Graduates are prepared to provide leadership and advocacy within the community of early learning and care.

Volunteer Experience

40 volunteer hours are required.

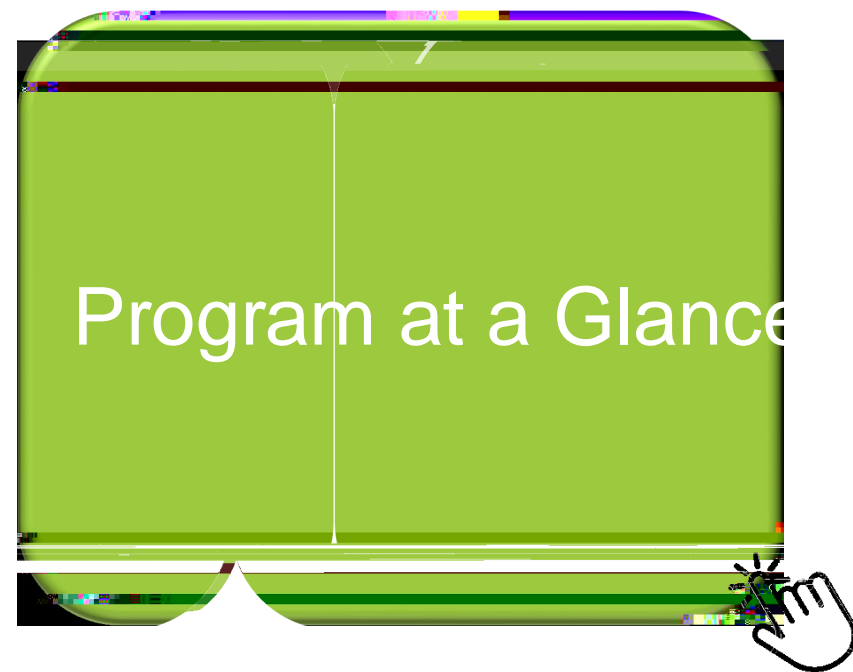
The purpose of volunteering is to give you a better idea of:

- the type of work you will be doing
- what the work environment will be like
- to deepen your knowledge about the community





Review the ELC program pages online:



Is ELQ for you?

- Supporting others is challenging work that requires balance and good self-care.
- You need to be self-reflective, self-directed, and manage your time well, openminded & able to work with diverse people and needs in a team environment.
- Are you ready for a career that is demanding & dynamic, challenging & rewarding?



Are you ready for ELC?

Students may find the content triggers emotions that can be challenging, and this can show up quicker for those managing unresolved life situations or recovering from addiction or with unstable mental health.

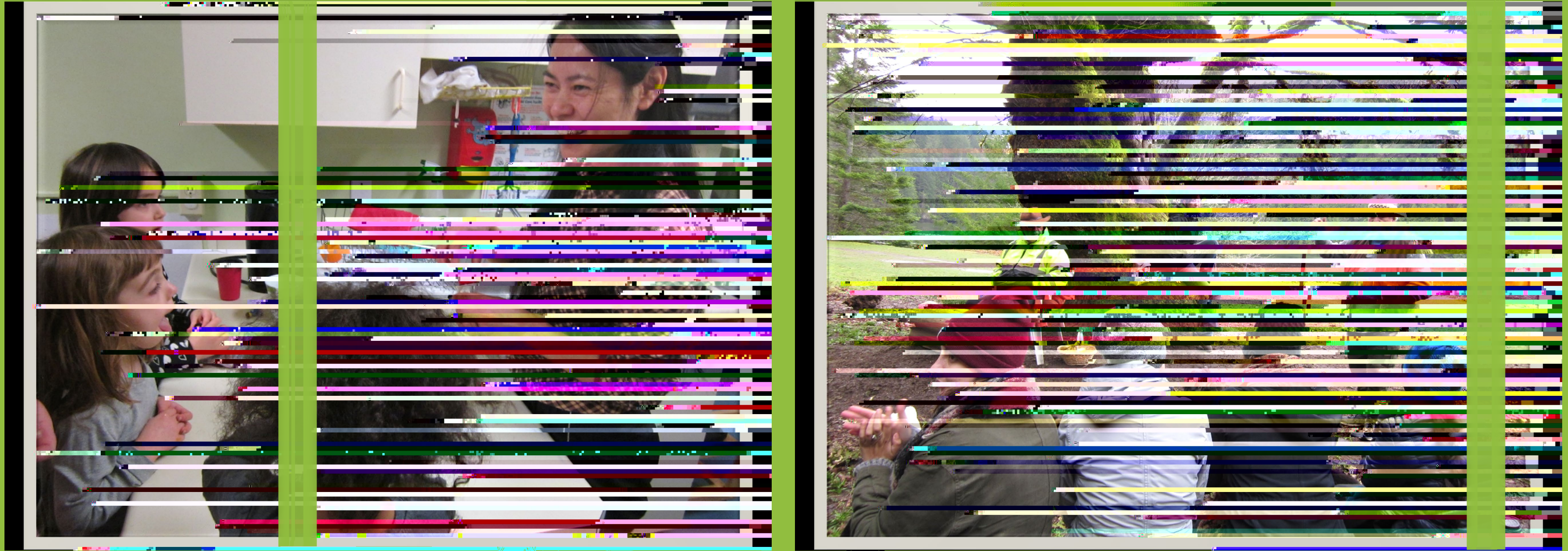
- Are you in a stable place on your journey?
- Do you have supports?

Is ELC right for you?

When considering your ability to handle the physical and emotional demands of ELC and work in human services, students should consider realities such as the following:

- Classroom work frequently requires small group work, public speaking and classes that range from two to four hours in length.
- Up to 8 hrs a day, 4 days a week in practicum settings working with children, families and communities.
- This requires mental focus and physical stamina.

You can often find ELC students learning in the community



Practicum and field trips

Is ELC right for you?

Note: Class discussions can include: abuse and trauma, family issues, suicide, addiction and so on, which may trigger emotions that can be difficult; especially for those managing unresolved issues or recovering from addiction or mental health.

If you are currently experiencing addiction issues or mental health challenges you may want to apply after a period of stability.

Is ELC right for you?

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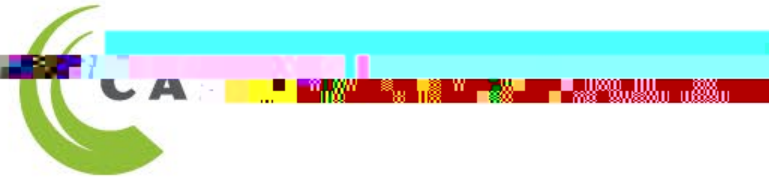
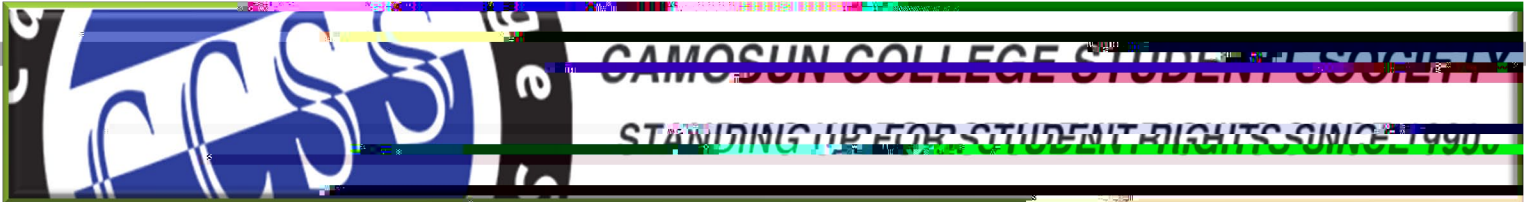
Transportation

- Camosun Students are eligible for the Universal Bus Pass (or U Pass) included in student fees
- Practicum access may require a commute outside of your neighbourhood
- Practicums may be in a neighbouring community from where you live

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS:

- Have support from family members, friends & classmates
- Devote approximately 30-35 hours each week to study
- Attend classes or practicum regularly
- Achieve a balance in home and school life
- Make a commitment to being a student
- Make time for practicum preparation and hours

Student Services at Camosun



Indigenous Support Coordinator

Artemis Fire is Red River Métis and grateful to be a visitor on the unsundered territories of the

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Artemis is passionate about walking with people on their journeys.

As the Health and Human Services Indigenous Support Coordinator

Artemis supports students in various ways, including assisting applicants to confirm their Indigenous identity.

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NEXT STEPS



APPLICATION INFORMATION:



