

PATH I: Birth to Seven Years Full Time One-Year Certificate Program

The full time Waldorf EC program requires one year of study at our campus. The focus of this program is on Waldorf early childhood education. However, experience shows that it is important that EC teachers are aware of the whole educational journey. Courses in Waldorf grade school and high school education make this program comprehensive.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Study of the philosophical and practical foundations of Waldorf education with emphasis on birth to seven
- 10 weeks of guided teaching practice in Waldorf EC classrooms
- Artistic explorations to awaken imaginative faculties and craft work to develop practical skills
- Inner development of the teacher and festivals of the year

CERTIFICATION

On completion of all course requirements, the student will receive a **Certificate of Course Completion in Waldorf Early Childhood Teacher Education**. This course is recognized by the *Waldorf Early Childhood Association of North America* (WECAN) and by the *International Association for Steiner/Waldorf Early Childhood Education* (IASWECE).

PROGRAM DATES

Two weeks of the Summer Festival of Arts and Education: July 13-24, 2020
One-Year Program: Sept. 14, 2020 – June 4, 2021

TUITION: \$9,800 CAD



PATH II: Birth To Seven Years Part Time Two-Year Certificate Program

The two year, part time certificate program covers the essentials of Waldorf early childhood from birth to seven years. It prepares currently practising and pre-service teachers and assistants for the challenges of working in a Waldorf kindergarten or nursery. Each year is made up of a three-week intensive session in the summer, together with a one-week session each fall and spring.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Anthroposophical understanding of the development of the human being from birth to adulthood, based on the research of Rudolf Steiner
- Emphasis on the developmental needs of the child from pre-birth to three, the nursery child, and the kindergarten-age child, including remedial needs
- Development of the inner life of the teacher through biography work, artistic activities, singing, eurythmy, and meditative practice
- Creating a nurturing environment for the child's life forces to offset the impact of the modern milieu in such areas as nutrition, life style, and media exposure
- Domestic, artistic, and practical activities in the classroom
- Festivals and the cycle of the year
- Building a strong community life, working with parents and colleagues
- Classroom management and creative discipline
- Guided independent study: child observation, assigned reading, and individual research. Each student has an experienced teacher as a mentor

CERTIFICATION

On completion of all course requirements, the student will receive a **Certificate of Course Completion in Waldorf Early Teacher Childhood Education**. This course is recognized by WECAN and IASWECE.

PROGRAM DATES

Year 1: June 14 - July 3, 2020 • Oct. 25 - 30, 2020 • March TBD, 2021

Year 2: To be announced

TUITION: Year 1: \$5,900 CAD, Year 2: \$5,600 CAD

PATH III: Birth to Three Years Part Time One-Year Certificate Program

The one year, part time program covers the essentials of Waldorf early childhood from birth to three years. It will prepare currently practising and pre-service teachers for the challenges and joy of working in a Waldorf playgroup, parent-and-child, or child care setting. Graduates of this program have the option of joining year two of our birth to seven years certificate program.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Anthroposophical understanding of the development of the human being from birth to adulthood, based on the research of Rudolf Steiner
- Essentials of Waldorf Early Childhood Education from birth-to-seven years and preparation of educators working in the first three years, as outlined by WECAN
- Development of the inner life of the teacher through biography work, artistic activities, singing, eurythmy, festival celebrations and meditative practice
- Creating a nurturing environment for the child's sensory development that offsets the impact of the modern milieu in such areas as nutrition, lifestyle, and media exposure
- Building a strong community life, working with parents and colleagues
- Program management and creative discipline
- The Pikler Institute's research and practice in caregiving and healthy attachment

CERTIFICATION

On completion of all course requirements, the student will receive a **Certificate of Course Completion in Waldorf Early Teacher Childhood Education Birth to Three**.

PROGRAM DATES

Year 1: June 14 - July 3, 2020 • Oct. 25 - 30, 2020 • March TBD, 2021

TUITION: \$5,900 CAD

Prerequisites for Admission

- **NEW FOR 2020:** Part-time applicants must be currently practicing at least three days a week in a Waldorf early childhood setting **OR** they can be a pre-service student
- **Part-time** pre-service applicants must have a plan to fulfill the observation/practicum requirements
- **Full-time** applicants must have documented teaching experience
- Foundation Studies in Anthroposophy Certificate (see website for details) or equivalent certificate
- Completion of the preparatory reading list

Application Procedure

- Complete the online application form (non-refundable application fee)
- Schedule an interview in person or by phone with Jan Ney Patterson, Director of Early Childhood Education, jpatterson@rsct.ca
- Obtain police vulnerable sector clearance letter upon acceptance
- **Full-time** international applicants must obtain health insurance and a study permit

Deadline for registration is April 30, 2020

“From the very beginning, I was impressed with the depth, breadth, and scope of the Early Childhood Professional Development program offered through RSCT. It was deeply satisfying to come away so personally enriched as well as professionally prepared to launch my career as a Waldorf early childhood teacher...”

– RSCT EC Teacher Education graduate



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Become a Waldorf Early Childhood Teacher

Behind each one of us
There stands his own angel
Laying his hand gently
On the head of each.
This angel gives us the strength
of which we stand in need.

THREE PATHS:

Birth to Seven
Full Time One-Year

Birth to Seven
Part Time Two-Year

Birth to Three
Part Time One-Year



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