



# Academic Advising

*Early Childhood Education Diploma – Infancy or  
Special Needs Specialty*

# Who is my Academic Advisor and why should I meet with them?



Congratulations on your acceptance to UFV! My name is Shannon Draney, and I am your Academic Advisor.

Academic Advisors support your educational planning by providing you with the information needed to **make informed decisions**. We work with you to:

- ✓ Clarify your educational goals
- ✓ Develop academic success skills
- ✓ Access available resources and services



# Additional Advising Services



A screenshot of the University of the Fraser Valley's Advising Centre website. The page features a green header with the university logo, a search bar, and navigation links for Registration, Advising Centre, MyCampusLife, Residence, Career Centre, Student Services, and About UFV. Below the header is a large image of a diverse group of students and staff. The main content area includes the heading "ADVISING CENTRE", a breadcrumb trail "UFV / ADVISING CENTRE", and the title "Advising Centre". A paragraph states "Academic Advisors help students plan their education and careers". A large orange arrow points to a green button labeled "+ Reasons to Connect with an Advisor". To the right, there are three more green buttons: "Book a workshop/seminar" and "View/cancel my bookings".

Find us here:  
[www.ufv.ca/advising](http://www.ufv.ca/advising)

Check out these options for more on Advising Services

# How do I connect with my Academic Advisor?



We are currently offering virtual, phone, or email appointments. You will need your UFV student ID number to book your appointment.

1. Go to the Advising webpage <https://www.ufv.ca/advising/>
2. Expand “Current students” section
3. Select your program
4. Click “Book an appointment”
5. Choose the date and time that works for you
6. Indicate the type of appointment you wish to have (virtual, phone, email)
7. Your advisor will contact you at the date and time you booked. If you selected virtual, a link will be emailed to you the day of your appointment

# How often should I meet with my Academic Advisor?



- Students can make an appointment with their Academic Advisor at any point throughout their program.
- It is a good idea to meet before each registration period to course plan, and update your program plan.
- It is important to remember that not all courses are offered each semester, and you need to complete some courses in a particular order to continue in the program.

# What courses should I take?



## Fall Semester

- **ECE 269 Foundations of Infant Caregiving**
- Aug 23 - 27 Monday to Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Pre-reading requirements
- **ECE 224 Working with Families**
- Wednesday 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Plus Face to Face: Fri, October 1, Sat, October 2, and Sun, October 3 from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- **ECE 213 Atypical Development**
- ONLINE

Meet with your advisor to create a completion plan for the remainder of the program. Students who took the ECE certificate outside of UFV may need to take additional electives to meet the 60-credits required to graduate from the diploma.

You can take this program one course at a time but this will create a delay in practicum and graduation. ECE courses are only offered certain semesters.

# Practicum Information



You have one practicum to complete:

- Infancy – ECE 243 in Winter 2022
- Special Needs – ECE 242 in Winter 2023

You must complete prerequisites and submit required documents to take practicum

Questions about practicum?

- Visit [Practicum Centre](#)
- Email [Sandrine.Trichard@ufv.ca](mailto:Sandrine.Trichard@ufv.ca)

# MyGRADplan



The simplest way to view your program requirements is by logging into **MyGRADplan** & accessing your personal program audit:

1. Login to [myUFV](#) using your usual credentials
2. Locate MyGRADplan on the right side of the home page
3. In the MyGRADplan box, choose "students click here..." link
4. Scroll down and choose the "Access your personal MyGRADplan here" link

<https://www.ufv.ca/>



# MyGRADplan



As a UFV student you can log into this program 24/7 - **you will always have access your program plan.**

Review the MyGRADplan [tutorial here](#), specifically learning about the **'what if' & 'look ahead'** features – these will be very helpful in your course planning!

# Welcome Package Email



The Child, Youth and Family Studies department will be emailing a welcome package to you as part of your orientation.

Be sure to check your UFV student email for this important program information.

If you do not receive this email before fall registration (mid-June), email [CYFSinfo@ufv.ca](mailto:CYFSinfo@ufv.ca) to request the welcome package.

# Contacts



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