



Commitment to Confidentiality

This commitment agreement focuses on confidentiality, one aspect of the Early Childhood Competency area of Professional Conduct and Attitude. It includes professional ethics and protecting children, family, staff, program, and cohort peer rights by maintaining professional confidentiality. This agreement is in effect during and after practicum/coursework is completed in the Thompson Rivers University ECE Diploma and Post Certificate programs.

Students **will** confine discussions about children, families, staff, and cohort peers to:

- practicum seminars,
- feedback from mentors, or program staff; and
- structured discussions with your practicum instructor present.

Students **will not** discuss the following in any public place or with anyone outside of the above-mentioned contexts:

- children, families, centre staff, cohort peers
- centre programs
- policies applying to children and families

Students have read and agree to follow the photo/video guidelines in the **Use of Video/Photos in Practicum Placements** letter included in students' professional files.

Students **will not** use videos/photos or stories of children, families, staff, program, cohort peers or any other identifying information outside these guidelines.

The practicum coordinator at Thompson Rivers University has assured practicum placements that students will maintain confidentiality during and after practicum placements conclude.

Students violate the privacy of children, family, childcare programs, staff, and cohort peers when they discuss/share or use children, family, program, staff, cohort peer lives, images, stories, etc., outside the program/class contexts described above.

Families enrol children in programs based on trust and relationship with program and staff. Any breach of confidentiality could result in a loss of this trust/relationship and impact children, families, staff, and future partnerships with the Thompson Rivers University ECE program negatively.

This agreement confirms students have read and fully understand the professional expectations for maintaining confidentiality during and after any TRU ECE practicum placement.

I _____ have read this statement, understand it, and commit to practicing confidentiality during and after my practicum placement.

Student Signature

Date