



Early Childhood Education Diploma

Accelerated Online Option Tuition Free - Starts May 2024

Start date: May 2024

Typical length: 19 - 23 months

Credential: Diploma

Location: eCampus (online asynchronous)

Learn while you work:

The **Accelerated** option is for Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) **currently working** in a licensed child care centre or pre-primary program in Nova Scotia.

Program Overview:

The **Accelerated** option is **asynchronous online**, meaning there are **no set class times**. You can learn when it works best for you. Courses are offered in a **prescribed schedule**.

Work experience requirements are completed in your workplace. If you have learning and work experience in the ECE field and can demonstrate your knowledge and skills, you may be eligible for **PLAR (Prior Learning and Recognition)** credit.

After completing the ECE diploma, students can apply for **Level 2 Classification** under the Regulations of the Early Learning and Child Care Act.

Admission requirements:

- High School Graduation Diploma or equivalent.
- Possess **one or more** of the following:
 - **Entry Level Orientation**
 - **Level 1 Classification**
 - **School-Aged Training Approval**
- Be **currently employed** with a **minimum 1 year experience** and as an ECE in a licensed child care centre or pre-primary program in Nova Scotia equivalent to **1,080 hours** or more per year.
- Be able to work a **minimum of 15 hours per week** while in the ECE program with the ability to complete work experiences in your place of work.
- Hold **Canadian Citizenship** or legal **Permanent Resident** status.
- Have a Canadian Language Benchmark **minimum score of 8** or equivalent in all categories (if English is not your first language)

Funding:

Tuition, student fees, textbooks and other program cost are fully covered through funding from the **Department of Education and Early Childhood Development**.

Questions? Contact us:

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