



Early Childhood Education Diploma - Africentric Offering

Accelerated Online Option
Tuition Free - Starts January 2025

Start date: January 2025

Typical length: 19- 23 months

Credential: Diploma

Location: eCampus (online asynchronous)

Learn while you work:

African Nova Scotian Early Childhood Educators plan educational learning opportunities that help to nurture the physical, cognitive, and social-emotional well-being of children, their families, and communities.

The **Africentric Accelerated** option is for ECEs currently working in a licensed child care centre or pre-primary program in Nova Scotia.

Program Overview:

The program blends **online study and in-person learning** with infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-aged children. You're introduced to the unique perspectives of the African Nova Scotian community.

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.
- Self-identify as **African Nova Scotian / Black** and **reside in Nova Scotia**.
- 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.
- **Entry level orientation** is required to participate in the program. Please submit proof of completion of Entry level, Level 1 or School Age training with your application.
- 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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