



Early Childhood Assistant Program



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Childcare Centres
- Ontario Early Years Centres
- Parent/Child Literacy Centres
- Private Regulated Home-based Child Care
- Schools
- NC Child Minding Services
- Day Care Facilitator
- Early Learning Centres
- Pre-School Helper
- Public and High School Assistant's Aid
- Daycare Entrepreneur
- Child Care Educator

**Government Grants, Scholarships, And Financial Aid
May Be Available To Those Who Qualify.**

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Program Objectives

The Early Childhood Assistant (ECA) Program is designed to equip childcare workers with the required knowledge, skills, and abilities for employment as Early Childhood Assistants in day care or early learning centers. It gives students course content to be well prepared to experience the responsibilities of an ECA in two separate practicum placements where they must perform in a supervised professional setting. The Early Childhood Assistant Program provides the foundational skills necessary to move into an Early Childhood Education Program.

Program Delivery

1. The NACC ECA Program has been approved as an instructor led curriculum delivery for ALL theory and testing.
2. There are no periods of independent student learning.

Career Opportunities

Child care and early childhood education are careers that offer variety, challenges and an opportunity to advance as skills and knowledge develop. According to Service Canada, the career outlook for early childcare workers is good. It is particularly good field for newcomers to Canada.

Financial Assistance

- Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)
- Better Jobs Ontario Program
- Interest-Free Monthly Payment Plan Options

Duties & Responsibilities

- Assist and participate in the day-to-day operation of a childcare centre or early learning centre
- Help to provide a nurturing, caring environment in which young children can thrive
- Understand the physical, emotional, and intellectual development of children from infancy to age 12
- Maintain a professional approach while observing and guiding children throughout the day
- Demonstrate effective communication skills with parents, children, and co-workers
- Provide opportunities to enhance children's self-esteem during daily activities
- Encourage socialization of children as they play and experience things together

Core Competencies

Child Development

- Physical, emotional, and social development

Learning Environment

- Play-based learning and classroom support

Observation & Documentation

- Child observation, reporting, and record keeping

Behaviour Management

- Guidance and positive behaviour support

Daily Care Skills

- Supporting routines such as feeding, dressing, and hygiene

Communication Skills

- Interaction with children, families, and teams

Professional Skills

- Ethics, responsibility, and team collaboration

Practicum / Field Placement

- Childcare experience

Job Readiness/Employability

- Skills strategies for success

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