



NOVA SCOTIA

ECE Upskilling Fact Sheet

I currently work in regulated childcare and have been classified as Entry Level or Level 1

Q: What are my options for upskilling?

A: Complete diploma or degree training at an approved early childhood education institution.

Diploma Programs

- [Nova Scotia Community College \(NSCC\)](#)
 - Dartmouth, Kentville, Springhill, Sydney, Yarmouth, Wagmatcook,
 - Part-time [e-learning available](#)
- [Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education](#), Halifax
 - Part time e-learning available
- [Island Career Academy](#), Sydney
- [Jane Norman College](#), Truro
- [CBBC Career College](#), Sydney, Dartmouth
- [Université Saint-Anne](#) Delivered in French online or in person at Halifax Campus

Degree Programs

- [Mount Saint Vincent University](#) Halifax, e-Learning available

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Program

- Earn a Level 2 Classification without completing a diploma program
- Offered through the [Association of Early Childhood Educators Nova Scotia](#) with funding support from EECD.



ECE Link Diploma Program



Offered to staff working in child care to earn both a high school and early childhood diploma



[ECE Link Diploma Program | Education and Early Childhood Development \(ednet.ns.ca\)](#)

Accelerated Early Childhood Diploma

(with PLAR -Prior Learning Assessment Recognition)



Have at least 2 years of work experience in regulated child care or pre-primary



[Accelerated Early Childhood Education Diploma \(with PLAR\) at NSCC | Education and Early Childhood Development \(ednet.ns.ca\)](#)



I have been classified as a Level 2 or 3 and am interested in Advanced Practitioner Program

Q: How do I access this program?

A: Applications for this program closed on March 31, 2022

in partnership with the Nova Scotia Community College, EECD has launched a post-graduate in-service certificate program for qualified ECE's to specialize and advance their knowledge and competence in a particular area of practice in early childhood education.

Advanced Practitioner Program

- ✓ Graduates of the program will be awarded an Advanced ECE Certificate in Professional Studies from NSCC
- ✓ [Initiatives for Early Childhood Educators | Education and Early Childhood Development \(ednet.ns.ca\)](#)



I currently work in regulated child care and have been classified as Level 2.

I have an ECE diploma, and I want to earn a degree so that I can be re-classified as a Level 3.

Q: What programs are available to help me achieve my goal?

A: [The Early Years Continuing Education Program](#) provides financial support to earn a bachelor's degree (through part-time studies) in Child and Youth Study from Mount Saint Vincent University

Funding for Entry and Levels 1, 2

Q: Are there funding options available to me if I choose to upskill to a Level 2 or 3?

A: Yes!

Early Years Continuing Education Program (for child care staff studying part-time)

- ✓ Continuing Education Program provides financial support to regulated child care, family home child care providers and Pre-primary staff to continue their education that will enhance their skills and qualifications.
- ✓ [Child Care Staff Classification & Training | Early Learning and Child Care \(ELCC\) | NS Dept of Education & Early Childhood Development \(ednet.ns.ca\)](#)

Other Funding Supports for ECE's

- ✓ African Canadian Services Scholarship Program
- ✓ Student Assistance
- ✓ Skills Development Program
- ✓ Employment Support Services
- ✓ [External Funding Support for ECEs | Education and Early Childhood Development \(ednet.ns.ca\)](#)