

# Student Checklist (Early Childhood Education)

## Congratulations on choosing to pursue a High Skills Major Certificate in Early Childhood Education!

This checklist will help you track your progress throughout high school, as you engage in career exploration, community-based learning, and skill development. Please note that the High Skills Major Certificate is an independent certification. You are responsible for tracking your progress and ensuring all requirements are completed.



## Focused Course Selection

Course availability varies by school. Courses are listed in the language(s) they are offered.

The same course cannot be used in multiple categories (Core Learning, Co-operative Education, and Supplementary Learning).

Co-operative Education placements must be supervised and assessed by a Level 2 or 3 Early Childhood Educator in pre-primary or licensed/regulating childcare centers found in the Directory of Licensed Child Care Facilities.

Students who graduate with an HSM in Early Childhood Education and complete at least one eligible co-op course may qualify for credit toward NSCC's Professional Practice I course.

An asterisk (\*) indicates that the course is available through the [Nova Scotia Virtual School](#).

### a) Core Learning

1 credit:

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List of available courses:

CREDIT	COURSE NAME
1.0	Child Studies 11

### b) Co-operative Education

1 credit:

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List of available courses:

CREDIT	COURSE NAME
1.0	Co-operative Education 11* / Éducation coopérative 11*
1.0	Co-operative Education 12* / Éducation coopérative 12*



## Focused Course Selection

### c) Supplementary Learning

2 credits:

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List of available courses:

CREDIT	COURSE NAME
1.0	Arts Choose 1 credit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual Arts 10</li> <li>• Visual Arts 11</li> <li>• Visual Arts 12</li> <li>• Advanced Visual Arts 11</li> <li>• Advanced Visual Arts 12</li> <li>• Music 10</li> <li>• Music 11</li> <li>• Music 12</li> <li>• Advanced Music 11</li> <li>• Advanced Music 12</li> <li>• Drama 10</li> <li>• Drama 11</li> <li>• Drama 12: Theatre Arts</li> </ul>
1.0	Canadian Families 12
1.0	Co-operative Education Choose 1 credit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-operative Education 11* / Éducation coopérative 11*</li> <li>• Co-operative Education 12* / Éducation coopérative 12*</li> </ul>
1.0	Entrepreneurship/Business Choose 1 credit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrepreneurship 12* / Entrepreneuriat 12</li> <li>• Indigenous Entrepreneurship 11</li> <li>• Indigenous Entrepreneurship 12</li> <li>• Business Management 12</li> </ul>

CREDIT	COURSE NAME
1.0	Family or Food Studies Choose 1 credit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Studies 10 (2 half credits)</li> <li>• Food Studies &amp; Hospitality 12</li> </ul>
1.0	Health & Human Services 12
1.0	Netukulimk 12
1.0	Psychology 12 AP OR Sociology 12 AC
1.0	Physical Education Choose 1 credit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical Education Leadership 12</li> <li>• Yoga 11</li> </ul>

Reflect on the two courses you selected from the Supplementary Learning list and how they relate to your chosen career path.

Consider how the knowledge, skills, or experiences you gained in each course can support your future goals. How did each course help you develop relevant skills, explore your interests, or deepen your understanding of the career pathway? What connections can you make between what you learned and the expectations or opportunities in your chosen field?

When your reflections are complete, upload them to [myBlueprint](#).

Reflection of Supplementary Learning 1 ☐ Uploaded to myBlueprint

Reflection of Supplementary Learning 2 ☐ Uploaded to myBlueprint



## Community-Based Learning

### a) At least 2 community-based experiences

In addition to Co-operative Education (in Focused Course Selection), participate in at least 2 community-based learning experiences, that combine to total at least 4 hours. Experiences should be documented below, with supplementary text and/or photos uploaded to your student portfolio on [myBlueprint](#). Any additional experiences (not listed below) can be uploaded to your student portfolio on [myBlueprint](#) to showcase for future employers or post-secondary institutions.

Examples may include (but are not limited to):

- participation in a volunteer, community, or service-learning project related to early childhood education
- working with an Elder, community mentor, or knowledge holder
- attendance at a career fair, conference, or workshop

1	Description	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Uploaded to myBlueprint	

Date(s) of experience

Name of supervisor/teacher

2	Description	
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Date(s) of experience

Name of supervisor/teacher

3	Description	
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Date(s) of experience

Name of supervisor/teacher

4	Description	
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Date(s) of experience

Name of supervisor/teacher



## Training & Certification

Complete a minimum of 6 training opportunities or certifications related to Early Childhood Education. There are 4 required certifications, and at least 2 additional certifications. Any additional training opportunities can be uploaded to your student portfolio on [myBlueprint](#) to showcase for future employers or post-secondary institutions. Some certifications are completed during Co-Op or other courses. Your HSM Lead teacher can help you navigate your independent certification.

### a) 4 required certifications

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES OR CERTIFICATIONS	DATE OF COMPLETION	UPLOADED TO MYBLUEPRINT
Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)		<input type="checkbox"/>
Occupational Health and Safety (e.g. <a href="#">Safe@MyJob</a> )		<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Safe Spaces Make Great Workplaces</a> (Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission)		<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Working with Abilities</a> (Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission)		<input type="checkbox"/>

### b) At least 2 additional certifications

Examples may include (but are not limited to):

- Standard First Aid/CPR Level C
- Food Handler Certificate
- Mental Health First Aid
- Completion of workshop(s) from recognized organizations
- [WCB & Me](#) (Workers Compensation Board Training)
- [Cardiac Crash](#) (Heart & Stroke Foundation)

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## Portfolio

### a) myBlueprint

Your student portfolio on [myBlueprint](#) must demonstrate that you have met the qualifications for High Skills Major in Early Childhood Education. Add to your portfolio throughout high school. Once complete, it needs to be reviewed by your HSM Lead Teacher.

☐ I have completed my portfolio | Date of review \_\_\_\_\_ | Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_