



Early Childhood Education

Fulfil your passion for the care, education and development of children.

 **Start date:**
September 2023

 **Typical length:**
2 years

 **Credential:**
Diploma

 **Location:**
Akerley Campus

New afternoon/evening classes start September 2023

Be part of a one-time Early Childhood Education late afternoon and evening program. This section will be delivered in-person at Akerley Campus, with classes taking place Mondays to Thursdays from 3:30 – 9:30 pm and on Fridays from 3:30 – 5:30 pm.

Program Overview

Early childhood educators plan inclusive programs that help nurture the physical, psychological and social wellbeing of children and their families.

This project-based program was developed to meet the provincial standards for early childhood education training in Nova Scotia. It blends classroom study with applied learning with infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school-aged children. You learn:

- The major theories of child care and development within a warm, caring and stimulating environment
- The knowledge and skills you need to work with infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school-age children in a variety of settings
- Effective communication strategies for working with children, families, fellow early childhood educators and other professionals
- How to assess children's abilities and skills to create play-based, inclusive programming that emphasize the development of the whole child as a unique individual

Work experience

Work placement is a mandatory credit course, providing the opportunity to apply your knowledge and skills outside of the classroom.

Work placements of 520+ hours will be scheduled throughout the program and will take place during the daytime.

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You have the opportunity to spend a significant part of your time with children of all ages, observing and supporting their learning in a variety of settings. This is an important and valued element in your learning portfolio.

You can access professional resources, training and support through provincial Early Childhood Development Support Centres. Each centre coordinates professional development activities and is equipped with a variety of resources, including a lending library, research support and educational/digital equipment.

Questions? Contact us:

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