



# Early Childhood Education Diploma Accelerated Option

## Tuition Free - Starts May 2024

**Start date:** May 2024

**Typical length:** 19 - 23 months

**Credential:** Diploma

**Location:** eCampus (online asynchronous)

### Learn while you work:

The Accelerated option is for Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) **currently working** in a licensed child care centre or pre-primary program in Nova Scotia.

### Program Overview:

The Accelerated option is **asynchronous online**, meaning there are **no set class times**. You can learn when it works best for you. Courses are offered in **prescribed schedule**.

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 Early Learning and Child Care Act and Regulation.

### Admission requirements:

- High School Graduation Diploma or equivalent.
- Possess **one or more** of the following:
  - **Entry Level Orientation**
  - **Level 1 Classification**
  - **School-Aged Training Approval**
- 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.
- 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.
- Hold **Canadian Citizenship** or legal **Permanent Resident** status.

### 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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