

ECE TRAINING AND WORKFORCE NEWSLETTER



Fully Funded ECE Diploma Programs – Fall 2025

[Jane Norman College Family Home Child Care ECE Diploma](#)

Enables family home child care providers to study towards their ECE Diploma while continuing to run their child care during the day. Online study. Courses delivered in evenings.

[Université Sainte-Anne PLAR ECE Diploma](#)

For Francophone ECEs looking to upskill to a Level 2. Courses delivered online, allowing you to continue working in child care. Practicums can be completed at your place of employment.

[NSCC Mi'kmaw ECE Diploma](#)

For individuals who self-identify as Mi'kmaw/indigenous and want to participate in an online ECE program that focuses on the unique culture and needs of Mi'kmaq children and their families.

[NSCC Work and Learn ECE Diploma](#)

For individuals who are new to ECE and working in designated counties interested in earning their diploma online while continuing to work in the sector.

Funding for Students in Training

Excellence in ECE Bursary

For students enrolled in training for ECE Levels 1, 2 and 3. For more information visit our [website](#) and speak to your training institution.

Acadian/francophone ECE Bursary

For students enrolled in training for ECE Levels 1 and 2 at Université Sainte-Anne. For more information visit our [website](#) and speak to your training institution.

Continuing Education Program

Available to working ECEs currently upskilling their ECE Level. For more information visit [Continuing Education](#).

Launching this Fall: High Skills Major in Early Childhood Education

Beginning in September 2025, eight high schools across Nova Scotia will pilot the new High Skills Major (HSM) Certificate in Early Childhood Education (ECE). Students will explore the ECE field through coursework, community-based learning, certifications, and portfolio development. They will be required to complete at least one Co-operative Education placement in a licensed child care centre or Pre-primary program, supervised by a Level 2 or 3 Early Childhood Educator.

The HSM in ECE supports learners in building clear pathways into post-secondary education and careers in the early childhood sector. Visit the [HSM website](#) for more information.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

RPL assesses past education and experience to determine if you meet Level 2 classification requirements. EECD funded spaces are available through the Association of Early Childhood Educators Nova Scotia RPL program for individuals with:

- a minimum of 6500 hours of experience as an ECE; and
- Nova Scotia ECE Entry-level or Level 1 classification

Visit [AECENS](#) for more information or to register.

For more information on Training and Workforce Development visit our [website](#) or contact us at ecetraining@novascotia.ca