

# ECE TRAINING AND WORKFORCE NEWSLETTER



## Fully Funded ECE Diploma Programs – Winter 2026

### NSCECE's Accelerated PLAR ECE Diploma program

For ECEs currently working in licensed child care and Pre-primary programs who want 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.

## 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](#).

## Do you need temporary summer staff?

If you have staffing needs from May to August 2026, consider hiring a co-op ECE student. 12-16 week subsidized placements are available through a Provincial Cooperative Education Incentive. **Employers can learn more, and register as a Co-op site by January 15, 2026**, at: <https://novascotia.ca/programs/co-op-education-incentive/>.

For details about the co-op program, contact NSCC at [workexperience@nscc.ca](mailto:workexperience@nscc.ca).

## Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

With the Association of Early Childhood Educators Nova Scotia (AECENS) making the decision to dissolve, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is in the process of identifying alternative options for the delivery of the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) program.

Updates will be shared with the sector and posted on our website, once they are available.

## Spotlight on Success

Congratulations to Michelle MacKenzie from Red Apple's Children Centre in Antigonish, for receiving the [Certificate of Achievement from the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education](#). Here's to many more milestones ahead!

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