



Early Childhood Education Diploma

Virtual Option: For Hard to Recruit Areas in Nova Scotia

Tuition Free - Starts Sept 2024

Start date: September 2024

Typical length: 2 years

Credential: Diploma

Location: eCampus (online synchronous)

Become an ECE:

Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) plan inclusive programs that help nurture the physical, psychological and social wellbeing of children and their families.

The ECE Diploma program is for individuals who aspire to **become** ECEs in licensed child care centers or pre-primary programs in Nova Scotia.

Admission requirements:

The Virtual option is **only** for individuals residing in one of the **hard to recruit areas** within Nova Scotia listed below:

- Northern (**Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough Counties**)
- South Shore (**Lunenburg and Queens Counties**)
- Cape Breton (**Inverness, Richmond and Victoria Counties**)

Other admission requirements:

- High School Graduation Diploma or equivalent
- Hold **Canadian Citizenship** or legal **Permanent Resident** status.

Program Overview:

The Virtual option is **full-time**, delivered **synchronously online** with **scheduled class times** which you will be required to **attend** during **daytime hours**. Courses follow a **prescribed schedule**.

Work Experience:

During your ECE program, you will complete **four work experience placements**, a total of **520 hours** in a licensed child care centre or pre-primary program in Nova Scotia. Transportation, accommodations and other costs related to work experience are your responsibility.

After completing the ECE diploma, you can apply for **Level 2 Classification** under the Early Learning and Child Care Act and Regulation.

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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