

# Early Childhood Education Diploma *for* Family Home Child Care Providers

**Start date:** September 2, 2025

**Duration:** 24 months

**Credential:** Diploma

**Delivery:** part-time, online

**Online Face-to-Face courses:** 18 out of 24 courses, Tuesday & Thursday evenings, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Online Self-Directed Study courses:** 6 out of 24 courses, 10 scheduled weeks to complete each one.

## Program Overview:

The Family Home Child Care (FHCC) Early Childhood Education (ECE) Diploma is designed for current, experienced FHCC providers.

**Courses are completed consecutively**, at set times throughout the duration of the program.

- **18 face-to-face courses:**
  - Each run for **5 weeks**.
  - Held on **Tuesday & Thursday evenings 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**
  - Delivered **live online** by instructors.
- **6 self-directed courses:**
  - Completed **independently** by the student.
  - **Weekly release** of information, coursework, assignments and due dates.

The program allows students to **complete most of the Practicum requirements in their own Family Home**, with mentoring from their FHCC Agency Consultant, and under the supervision of Jane Norman College's FHCC ECE Program Coordinator.

After successfully completing the program, students will receive a diploma in Early Childhood Education from Jane Norman College, and can apply for **Level 2 Classification** under the Early Learning and Child Care Act and Regulations.

## Admission Requirements:

- **Grade 12** or GED equivalent.
- Working a **minimum of 15 hours/week** with a FHCC Agency throughout the duration of the program.
- **Minimum 2 years experience** working in FHCC, licensed child care or pre-primary (minimum 1080 hours in the year prior to applying).
- **Reside in Nova Scotia** and hold either **Canadian Citizenship** or legal **Permanent Resident status**.
- Demonstrate **English Proficiency**.
- Clear **Vulnerable Sector** and **Child Abuse Registry Check**.
- Proof of **First Aid Certification**
- **Verification Letter from FHCC Agency**, supporting the student's participation and committing to supporting the student.

## Funding:

Tuition, student fees, and textbooks are **fully covered** through funding from the **Department of Education and Early Childhood Development**.

All students are **required to complete two consecutive weeks off-site** (in a licensed child care centre) during their third Practicum. **Any costs associated with this requirement will be covered by the student.** (e.g. travel to the off-site location, hiring a substitute, closing their FHCC home, etc.) *After successful completion of the off-site Practicum, students will receive a \$750.00 honorarium.*

\*All applicants may not be accepted. Individual acceptance may depend on the Agency's capacity to support students.\*

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