



# Poqji-kina'masulti'kw tel-kina'mujik mijua'ji'jk Mi'kmaw Early Childhood Education

## Accelerated Online Option Tuition Free - Starts Sept 2024

**Start date:** September 2024

**Typical length:** 19 - 23 months

**Credential:** Diploma

**Location:** eCampus (online asynchronous)

### Learn while you work:

**Mi'kmaw Early Childhood Educators** (ECEs) play an integral role in early learning environments providing culturally responsive education, understanding, family and community supports.

The **Mi'kmaw Accelerated** option is for ECEs currently working in a licensed child care centre, pre-primary program, Mi'kmaw Preschool/Daycare or Jordan's Principle Support for Early Years in Nova Scotia.

### Program Overview:

The **Mi'kmaw 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 a **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 Regulations of the Early Learning and Child Care Act.

### Admission requirements:

- **High School Graduation Diploma** or equivalent.
- Self-identify as **Mi'kmaw/Indigenous** and **reside in Nova Scotia**.
- Be currently employed with a **minimum 1 year experience** and as an ECE in a licensed child care centre, pre-primary program Mi'kmaw Preschool/Daycare or Jordan's Principle Support for Early Years in Nova Scotia equivalent to **1,080 hours** or more per year.
- 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.
- **Entry level orientation** is needed to participate in the program. Proof of completion will be required **within 4 months** of program start. If entry level, Level 1 or school age training has been completed please include with your application.

### 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 at:

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