

Together with the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC), the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) is funding individuals who meet the eligibility criteria to enroll in the Accelerated ECE Diploma Program (with PLAR).

Application to the Accelerated ECE Diploma program (with PLAR) at NSCC is a two-step process:

1. Applicants must first apply for approval of funding eligibility by emailing ecework.learn@nsc.ca with the following two attachments:
 - This Funding Eligibility Application form, including your employer verification and signature, and
 - A copy of your Level 1 Classification Certificate.
2. Once you are approved for funding eligibility, NSCC will send you instructions to apply to the accelerated program.

Individuals who require a duplicate copy of their Level 1 Classification certificate must contact Classification Services immediately at ecetraining@novascotia.ca. Your Level 1 Classification certificate must accompany this application form (in one email) to be processed.

Section 1 - Applicant Information	
Name:	
Address:	
Email:	Telephone:
Section 2 – Employment Information	
Name of Workplace:	<input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Centre <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Primary Program
Employment Status (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Full- Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent	
I am applying for a seat in the <input type="checkbox"/> ECE Program <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous ECE Program <input type="checkbox"/> Africentric ECE Program	
<input type="checkbox"/> By signing below, I verify that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have worked as an ECE for at least 1080 hours per year for the last two years. • I currently hold a Level 1 Classification with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. • I hold a high school diploma or equivalent (required for admission to NSCC). • I currently work a minimum of 15 hours per week and will continue to do so throughout the duration of the program. • I have received employer support for my participation in the program. 	
<input type="checkbox"/> By signing below, I understand that as an Accelerated ECE Diploma Participant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am required to complete workplace practicum placements in my current place of employment. • I will be required to complete a Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) process to determine which courses are eligible for exemption and I will be required to complete all courses not eligible for PLAR through a plan of study that will be developed with a PLAR advisor at the NSCC. 	
Applicant Signature	Date
Section 3 – Employer Verification (To be completed by the employer)	
Name of Centre/Program:	
Employer Name (First and Last):	Position/Title:
Employer Email:	Employer Telephone:
<input type="checkbox"/> By signing below, I verify that the employee signed above: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is currently employed in Nova Scotia in a child care or Pre-primary program on the date of this application, working a minimum of 15 hours per week, and can complete practicums at their place of work. • Has my support to participate in the Accelerated ECE Diploma (with PLAR) program at the Nova Scotia Community College while working a minimum of 15 hours per week for the duration of the program, and my commitment to support them in workplace practicum experiences. • I understand that their work hours during their workplace practicum are paid hours, and that they will be mentored by a current Level 2 or 3 classified staff for the duration of the program. 	
Employer Signature	Date