

Education Assistant FAQ's

1. What is the deadline for application?

Registration is ongoing until classes are full. We encourage early registration as space is limited.

2. How long is the program?

The EA program runs from September to January and February to June.

Evening Program: Monday to Friday, 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm + 9 weeks during the day

Daytime Program: Monday to Friday, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm plus some evening classes

3. Are part time studies offered?

Surrey Community College does not offer part time studies for this program.

4. How many hours of homework/class prep are there per night?

The majority of the work will be done in class. Expect 1 hour per day on average.

6. Will there be breaks in training? How long?

Winter Break for 2 weeks Spring Break for 1 week

7. Do the students return to school for at least one week of academic studies after the practicum?

Yes students return to for at least 1 week for academic studies.

8. What is the teaching style?

The teaching style for EA is in the classroom (online as required) except for practicums which are based out of a Surrey school.

9. Is there additional academic help if required?

Instructors are available for additional academic support if required. Students are also encouraged to form study groups and exchange email addresses to support each other.

10. How many students are in each class?

Each class has a maximum of 30 students.

11. What are the instructor's qualifications?

Our Instructors have been Elementary school teachers, Secondary school teachers and College instructors.

12. How long have they been teaching in their field of expertise?

We have very experienced teachers who have been teaching up to 25 years.

13. What qualifications do employers typically look for in this occupation?

Individuals who have completed the Education Assistant Program

14. What type of experience is usually required for entry level positions?

Experience working with children and/or successfully completed an Education Assistant Program

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15. What training or academic background is needed for a job in this field?

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16. Are any specific schools or training programs recommended for work in this field?

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17. What are the typical duties and responsibilities for people in this occupation?

Working in a classroom setting with children that require additional support

18. What type of technology /software would be needed to work in this occupation?

None

19. Are there any professional associations for the industry?

None

20. What is the demand like currently for work as an Education Assistant?

There is currently a shortage of qualified Education Assistants

21. What is the prospect for growth in this occupation?

Due to the shortage of qualified candidates and growth in the Surrey School District, there is a need for the foreseeable future.

22. Are there any changes happening in this field?

Looks like more children are needing assistance so there is a greater need for EA's.

23. Describe some of the positive aspects and challenges of working in this field.

Positive – working children and their successes

Challenge – physically and emotionally demanding

24. What type of people do well in this occupation?

Individuals who are compassionate, patient, work well in guiding individuals to see successes

25. What is the general salary range of people working in this occupation?

\$29.73 per hour as of July 2021

27. How do employers typically recruit for this occupation?

Apply on website: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/careers/Pages/default.aspx>

28. Can students apply for Student Aid?

No. Students cannot apply for Student Aid for the college programs.

29. Facilitated Conversation – we used to refer to it as an interview. It is the last step in the application process. It is a conversation with a group of applicants, facilitated by a college instructor.