



# EDUCATION ASSISTANT – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### **What is the deadline for applying to the program?**

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

### **What is the Facilitated Conversation when applying?**

It used to be referred to 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.

### **Can students apply for Student Aid?**

No.

### **How to apply for Education Assistant roles upon program completion?**

Apply on the website: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/page/1037/current-opportunities>

## PROGRAM/COURSE INFORMATION

### **How long is the program?**

The program runs from September – January and February – June.

### **Are part time studies offered?**

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

### **How many hours of homework/class prep are there per night?**

Most of the work will be done in class. Students can expect 1 hour of homework per day on average.

### **Will there be breaks in training? How long?**

Winter break = 2 weeks                      Spring Break = 1 week

### **How many students are in each class?**

Each class has a maximum of 30 students.

### **Is there additional 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.

## INSTRUCTORS

### **What are the instructor's qualifications?**

Surrey Community College Instructors have been elementary and secondary school teachers, and college instructors.

### **How long have they been teaching in their field of expertise?**

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



### **What is the teaching style?**

The program is taught entirely in the classroom, except for the practicums which are completed in our Surrey District schools.

## **QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE/TRAINING**

### **What qualifications do employers typically look for in this occupation?**

Individuals who have completed the EA Program.

### **What type of experience is usually required for entry level positions?**

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

### **What training or academic background is required for a job in this field?**

Completion of an Education Assistant Program.

## **WORKING IN THE INDUSTRY**

### **What is the demand like currently working as an Education Assistant?**

Demand for Education Assistants remains steady.

### **What is the prospect for growth in this occupation?**

As the demand remains high, growth is always possible.

### **Are there any changes happening in this field?**

More and more children are requiring assistance, so there is a greater need for EAs.

### **Describe some positive and challenging aspects of working in this field?**

Positive – working with children and celebrating their successes.

Challenge – job can be physically and emotionally draining.

### **What type of people do well in this position?**

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

### **What is the general salary range for this position?**

\$33.70 per hour as of July 2024 (Surrey School District).