

PRE-REQUISITES

- Registered in a Surrey public school and not yet achieved Ministry of Education graduation
- **Must be 18 years old by December 31st of the calendar year student is taking the program**
- Successful completion of Grade 12 Language Arts and other mandatory graduation courses by end of first semester of program year
- Excellent attendance and punctuality
- Strong speaking and listening communication skills
- Once conditionally accepted students must complete the following prior to the start of the program: **a Police Information Check, a medical assessment of physical and mental health**

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Have a discussion with your Career Facilitator, counsellor, and parent/guardian to ensure the program meets your goals
- Obtain a district partnership application package from your Career Centre
- Submit a completed application package with all supporting documents, including **2 reference letters**, to your Career Facilitator before the specified due date
- If short-listed, attend an interview with the District Career Coordinator
- Visit douglascollege.ca to learn more about the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Program

SELECTION PROCESS

- Students who submit completed applications will have a preliminary interview with their school Career Facilitator
- Applications are forwarded to the district office for review
- Only short-listed candidates will be interviewed by the District for a potential seat in the program
- Students must be on-track to meet the acceptance criteria for the post-secondary institute
- Students must be able to meet the physical demands of the program and display good mental health
- Students must meet all criteria, be self-motivated, independent learners and capable of success in the program

The Early Childhood Education Program is located at:

Douglas College
Coquitlam Campus
1250 Pine Tree Way
Coquitlam, BC V3B 7X3

For further information contact:

Your Secondary School Career
Education Department

Or

Surrey Schools District Career
Education Department

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE) PROGRAM

A partnership between

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And

 **Surrey Schools**
LEADERSHIP IN LEARNING

Career Education Department

Are you interested in contributing to the well-being of children, families, and communities as an Early Childhood Educator?

JOB DESCRIPTION

Early Childhood Educators work with children from newborns to eight years old.

They observe, assess and guide child development both individually and in groups. They communicate and collaborate with children, caregivers, their community, and their colleagues. They promote health and nutrition and manage a child-care setting.

Complete this program to earn an Early Childhood Educator Assistant License. Then, choose to work immediately with starting wages around \$20 - \$24, or continue studies at Douglas College and receive a Certificate or Diploma in Early Childhood Education.



CONNECT TO POST SECONDARY OR EMPLOYMENT

Through the Early Childhood Education Program, you have the potential to earn both high school and post-secondary credits. You can also begin work as an ECE Assistant immediately after successful completion.

COURSE CREDITS

- PHF 12A, B, C, D (16 Credits)
- Douglas College Courses – ECED 1125, 1220, 1231, 1285 (12 Credits)

PROGRAM LENGTH

- February to April – 10 weeks for each theory course
- April to May – practicum experience (200 hours)

COSTS (Paid by the Student)

- \$100 approximately
Textbooks and course materials

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Throughout the duration of the program, students will encounter a variety of educational settings, not only learning in the classroom, but also through on-line instruction and through observation and practice in preschool and childcare settings.

Theory courses:

ECED 1125 – Promoting Health Practices in Early Childhood Education (online Mon, Tues, Thurs)

ECED 1220 – Methods for Inclusive Play-Based Programmes for Young Children I (in person, Coquitlam, Fridays)

ECED 1231 – Curriculum I – Preschool Age (in person, Coquitlam, Fridays)

Practice:

Supplemental Experience – Nurturing Hearts Montessori (in person, Langley, 8 Wednesdays)

ECED 1285 – Early Childhood Education Practicum I (in person at a licensed program, full time)

Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible for the Early Childhood Educator Assistant License and can work with young children in community programs. In addition, successful students may wish to continue their studies at Douglas College to complete the ECE Certificate Program, the ECE Diploma Program, or other related programs within the Faculty of Applied Community Studies.

Services provided through funding arrangements with the Surrey School District Career Education Department.