



Academy of Learning

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# Early Childhood Assistant Program



## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Childcare Centres
- Ontario Early Years Centres
- Parent/Child Literacy Centres
- Private Regulated Home-based Child Care
- Schools
- NC Child Minding Services
- Day Care Facilitator
- Early Learning Centres
- Pre-School Helper
- Public and High School Assistant's Aid
- Daycare Entrepreneur
- Child Care Educator

**Government Grants, Scholarships, And Financial Aid  
May Be Available To Those Who Qualify.**

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## Program Objectives

The Early Childhood Assistant (ECA) Program is designed to equip childcare workers with the required knowledge, skills, and abilities for employment as Early Childhood Assistants in day care or early learning centers. It gives students course content to be well prepared to experience the responsibilities of an ECA in two separate practicum placements where they must perform in a supervised professional setting. The Early Childhood Assistant Program provides the foundational skills necessary to move into an Early Childhood Education Program.

## Career Opportunities

Child care and early childhood education are careers that offer variety, challenges and an opportunity to advance as skills and knowledge develop. According to Service Canada, the career outlook for early childcare workers is good. It is particularly good field for newcomers to Canada.

## Program Delivery

1. The NACC ECA Program has been approved as an instructor led curriculum delivery for ALL theory and testing.
2. There are no periods of independent student learning.

## Job Readiness in 40 Weeks!

In only 40 Weeks, you could be on your way to a whole new career. We'll help you find a financial assistance solution that works for you to get you started as soon as possible. Contact us today!

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## Duties & Responsibilities

- Assist and participate in the day-to-day operation of a childcare centre or early learning centre
- Help to provide a nurturing, caring environment in which young children can thrive
- Understand the physical, emotional, and intellectual development of children from infancy to age 12
- Maintain a professional approach while observing and guiding children throughout the day
- Demonstrate effective communication skills with parents, children, and co-workers
- Provide opportunities to enhance children's self-esteem during daily activities
- Encourage socialization of children as they play and experience things together
- Be knowledgeable in related health and safety issues during daily operations
- Understand nutritional requirements of young children as they relate to daily meal planning and assisting with mealtime
- Supervise children during indoor and outdoor play and during rest periods
- Lead children in activities by telling stories, teaching songs, and preparing craft material
- Guide and assist children in the development of proper eating, dressing and toilet habits
- Attend staff meetings to discuss progress and problems with children
- Assist the supervisor in keeping records
- Maintain day care equipment and assist in housekeeping duties

## Financial Assistance

- Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)
- Employment Ontario Second Career Program
- Interest-Free Monthly Payment Plan Options

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