

# Early Childcare Assistant Diploma Program

35 weeks, 945 Total Hours = 455 Hours Theory + 490 Hours Field Placement

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Early Childcare Assistant Diploma Program has been designed to equip childcare workers with the valuable knowledge, skills and experience for employment as Assistants in day care or early learning centers. In addition to covering early childhood development, program planning, communication and other vital topics in childcare, the program also includes the role of the assistant in a childcare setting.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

There is increasing demand in the industry for qualified individuals who have completed formal training such as that offered in this diploma program. Career opportunities exist in childcare centers, kindergartens, nursery schools and centers for exceptional children, Montessori Schools and early learning centers.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

An Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent; or be at least 18 years of age or older and pass an entry test (Wonderlic Test).

## PRACTICUM REQUIREMENT

- Medical Certificate
- Police Reference Check (Clearance) of Criminal Record
- Standard First Aid & CPR Level C Certification

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To successfully meet the program outcomes the student must:

- Achieve a minimum cumulative average of 70%.
- Achieve a minimum pass mark for each individual module of 70%.
- Successfully complete all clinical placement requirements.
- Have current Police Clearance, Medical Check Up, and Standard First Aid and Basic Rescuer (Level C) Certification.
- Have a resume and cover letter on file with the College.
- Pass the Final Comprehensive Theory Examination administered by the National Association of Career Colleges (NACC).

The Early Childcare Assistant Program at Evergreen College is approved as a Vocational Program under the Private Career Colleges Act, and meets the standards of the National Association of Career Colleges.

## COURSE START DATES

6th October 2014, 17th November 2014, 8th December 2014

5th January 2015, 2nd February 2015, 2nd March 2015, 6th April 2015, 4th May 2015, 1st June 2015,

13th July 2015, 10th August 2015, 8th September 2015, 21st September 2015, 5th October 2015, 19th October 2015,

2nd November 2015, 16th November 2015, 30 November 2015, 14th December 2015.

## COURSE OUTLINE

The Course consists of 12 modules. These modules are covered in the classroom and in the clinical lab. Additional practical experience is provided in a facility and in the community.

- Introduction to Early Childcare and Education
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Child, Family and Community
- Introduction to Child Development
- Introduction to Prenatal, Infant and Toddler Development
- Introduction to Preschool Development
- Observation Skills
- Guiding Children
- Curriculum Planning
- Written Communication Skills
- Health and Safety
- Nutrition

## PRACTICUM

The ECA Practicum is divided into two seven weeks fulltime placements in a licensed daycare centre. Practicum 1 takes place in an Infant and/or Toddler setting & Practicum 2 takes place in preschool setting.

NACC EXAM REVIEW AND JOB FINDING WORKSHOPS ARE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE COURSE

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