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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS AND ASSISTANTS

QUALIFICATIONS, ESSENTIAL SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

- **Early childhood educators:**
 - Completion of a two- to four-year college program in early childhood education or a bachelor's degree in child development is required.
 - Licensing by a provincial or territorial association for early childhood educators (ECE) is usually required.
- **Early childhood educator assistants:**
 - Completion of secondary school is required.
 - Experience in child care is required.
 - Completion of an early childhood education assistant certificate program or post-secondary courses in early childhood education may be required.
 - Licensing by a provincial or territorial association for early childhood educators (ECE) may be required.
 - Local Requirements: The College of Early Childhood Educators is a self-regulatory body, ensuring the registration of practising early childhood educators (ECEs) in Ontario. The College grants the Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE) Certificate, which is required by school boards and many other employers. The RECE is available to graduates of approved ECE programs within Ontario, and to graduates of Canadian and international institutions who have been assessed by the College. Most employers require a criminal record check and First Aid certification. Additional requirements include knowledge of the Day Nurseries Act, enhanced security checks, CPR certification, immunization records, tuberculosis clearance and medical exams.
 - Provincial Requirements: Early Childhood Educators require certification in Ontario by the College of Early Childhood Educators
 - Employers usually require experience of about 0-2 years
 - Early Childhood Education Skills: Provide supervision and guidance of daily activities, field trips and special activities. Provide opportunity for creative expression through the mediums of art, dramatic play and music. Plan and develop child care and nursery school programs.
 - Early Childhood Educator Assistant Skills: Prepare craft materials and assist children to use them. Conduct and monitor activity programs designed for young children. Guide children in development of proper eating, dressing and toilet habits.
 - Additional Skills: Assist in housekeeping duties. Maintain day care supplies and equipment. Assist in maintaining records of children.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

- Early Childhood Education- Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning (Oakville, ON)
- Early Childcare Assistant Diploma- National Academy of Health and Business (Mississauga, ON)
- Child and Youth Worker- Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning (Oakville, ON)

WAGES

- Median Wage: \$16.83/hour
- Wage Range: \$11.40-\$29.09

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

- Child-care centres
- Daycare centres
- Kindergartens
- Agencies for exceptional children
- Other settings where early childhood education services are provided