

## PRE-REQUISITES

- Registered in a Surrey public school and not yet achieved Ministry of Education graduation
- **Must be 18 years old by December 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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:

**Frank Hurt Career  
Education Department**

**Ms. T. Dawson**

or

**Mr. J. Lehal**

Or

**Surrey Schools District Career  
Education Department**

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE) PROGRAM

A partnership between

**DOUGLAS**  
**DOUGLAS COLLEGE**

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**

- ECEF 12A
- ECEF 12B
- ECEF 12C
- ECEF 12D

### **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

***We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Education and Child Care.***

### **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 Dept. & MOE&CC.