



# ECE

# NOC 4214

## Early Childhood Educators

*Early childhood educators plan and organize activities for preschool and school-age children. Early childhood educators and assistants lead children in activities to stimulate and develop their intellectual, physical and emotional growth. Early childhood educators who are supervisors are included in this*

### SERVICES PROVIDED

- Develop and implement daily activities for children
- Lead children in activities by telling or reading stories, teaching songs, demonstrating the use of simple musical instruments, preparing craft materials and demonstrating their use, providing opportunities for creative expression through the media of art, dramatic play, music and physical fitness and taking the children to local points of interest
- Guide and assist children in the development of proper eating, dressing and toilet habits
- Observe children for signs of learning disabilities or emotional problems
- Discuss progress or problems of children with parents and other staff members
- Attend meetings and workshops to develop and discuss new teaching methods
- May plan and organize activities for school-age children in childcare programs before and after regular school hours
- Supervise and co-ordinate the activities of other early childhood educators and early educator assistants

### SKILLS & ATTITUDES

- Model respectful behaviour and language
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle
- Solve problems with children and families
- Observe and interpret children's behaviour
- Use clear communication
- Use consistent, positive child guidance strategies
- Communicate effectively & work closely with children, parents, and colleagues

### EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

- A two-year college diploma in early childhood education or a bachelor's degree in education.
- In Ontario, early childcare educators are regulated by the College of Early Childhood Educators.
- A criminal record check is required by most childcare agencies as well as first-aid and CPR certificates.
- Most employers prefer to hire daycare assistants with a minimum of grade 12 and some previous experience working with children.

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

Ryerson University	Conestoga College
Georgian College	Fanshawe College
George Brown College	Humber College

### CAREER PATHS

Progression to senior positions, such as day care supervisor, is possible with experience. Supervisors or directors require two years experience in addition to the educational requirement.

### SALARY RANGES

Wage (\$/hr)		
LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
10.50	14.04	19.82

\*Stratford-Bruce Peninsula Area