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Who are they?

Early childhood educators plan, organize and implement programs for children between the ages of infancy and 12 years.

Early childhood educator assistants provide care for infants and preschool- to school-age children under the guidance of early childhood educators.

Early childhood educators and assistants lead children in activities to stimulate and develop their intellectual, physical and emotional growth and ensure their security and well-being.

Where they work

child-care centres daycare centres kingergartens agencies for exceptional children

Employment Requirements Early Childhood Educators

Completion of a two- to four-year college program in early childhood education

A bachelor's degree in child development is required.

Licensing by a provincial or territorial association for early childhood educators (ECE) is usually required.

Employment Requirements Early Childhood Educators Assistants

Completion of secondary school 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.

Experience in child care is required.



MAIN DUTIES

Early Childhood Educators

Develop and implement child-care programs that support and promote the physical, cognitive, emotional and social development of children.

Lead activities by telling or reading stories, teaching songs, taking children to local points of interest and providing opportunities to express creativity through the media of art, dramatic play, music and physical activity

Plan and maintain an environment that protects the health, security and well-being of children

Observe children for signs of potential learning or behavioural problems and prepare reports for parents, guardians or supervisor

Assess the abilities, interests and needs of children and discuss progress or problems with parents and other staff members

May supervise and coordinate activities of other early childhood educators and early childhood educator assistants.

May plan and organize activities for school-age children in child-care programs before and after regular school hours

Establish and maintain collaborative relationships with co-workers and community service providers working with children

Guide and assist children in the development of proper eating, dressing and toilet habits

MAIN DUTIES

Early Childhood Educator Assistants

Support early childhood educators in carrying out programs that promote the physical, cognitive, emotional and social development of children

Prepare snacks and arrange rooms or furniture for lunch and rest periods

Engage children in activities by telling stories, teaching songs and preparing crafts

**Assist with proper eating, dressing and toilet habits
Submit written observations on children to early childhood educators or supervisors**

Maintain daycare equipment and assist in housekeeping and cooking duties

May assist early childhood educators or supervisors in keeping records.

Attend staff meetings to discuss progress and problems of children

Progression to senior positions, such as daycare supervisor, is possible with several years of experience or with experience and advanced ECE qualification levels.



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