



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

ABOUT THIS CAREER

As an Early Childhood Educator (ECE), you will work with young children from birth to age five. You'll create and run educational programs that fuel children's intellectual, physical, social and emotional growth. You may work in licensed settings such as child-care centres, StrongStart BC centres, before- and after-school programs or preschool programs. Early Childhood Educator Assistants (ECEAs) work under the supervision of ECEs.*
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WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Educational Requirements

- ECE program at a recognized university or college (1-year and 5-year options)
- Certification available through the B.C. Ministry of Children and Family Dev't.
- ECEAs can earn a certificate after taking courses in child development, children's well-being and curriculum planning
- Further certification options: Infant/Toddler Educator or a Special Needs Educator

Key Skills & Attributes

(technical training and on the job)

-  **Active Listening**
Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.
-  **Social Perceptiveness**
Being aware of others' reactions and understanding why they react as they do.
-  **Speaking**
Talking to others to share information effectively.
-  **Monitoring**
Keeping track of and assessing your performance, other individuals, or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action.

HOURLY PAY
\$18.00 - \$26.00*
(Est. Annual Salary: \$41,712)

ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT GROWTH: **3.2%***
(B.C. Labour Market Outlook 2023-2033)

JOB OPENINGS: **12,310***
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DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Teach with stories, music, play, field trips, art, drama and movement
- Help each child participate and succeed
- Protect children's health and safety
- Help each child build their sense of identity and belonging
- Observe and value each child's way of expressing themselves
- Assess learning and development
- Deal with signs of learning, development and behavioural issues
- Provide fair but firm discipline
- Work with Indigenous children in ways that are respectful and attentive