



**NORTH ISLAND
COLLEGE**

Employment Skills Access Early Childhood Care & Education Assistant

The Early Childhood Care and Education Assistant Program is designed for individuals seeking entry into the field of early childhood care and education. Graduates will be prepared for employment as early childhood education assistants. Upon completion of the program, students will be qualified to provide care for infants and pre-school to school-age children under the guidance of Early Childhood Educators.

The program combines classroom instruction in theory and practical skills focusing on child guidance and health, safety and nutrition in child care settings, and integration and application of skills in a work experience setting. Participants will receive training and certifications in First Aid for Caregivers, Transportation Endorsement, and Food Safe, as well as developing communication skills, writing skills, computer skills, personal planning and goal setting, and tools and strategies to support successful transition to employment. Participants will also earn course credits which are transferable to the Early Childhood Care and Education Certificate program, for those who wish to pursue further studies toward a certificate or diploma.

What will participants study?

The program consists of the following curriculum:

- ECC 114 Partnerships – Part I – Child Guidance
- ECC 168 Partnerships – Part II – Health Safety and Nutrition in Childcare Settings
- Essential Skills I – to include : First Aid for Caregivers , Transportation Endorsement, Foodsafe Level 1
- Essential Skills II – to include: English upgrading, Communication, Writing, Organizational and Computer skills training
- Work Experience

Program Locations and Dates:

Tofino Region: February 12th
Campbell River: March 18th

Eligibility:

This Employment Skills Access (ESA) program is designed to assist unemployed, or low skilled individuals gain employment. All tuition and books are included for participants who meet the specific ESA eligibility criteria.

You **may be eligible** for entry if you are:

- Unemployed **AND** not collecting Employment Insurance (EI) **AND** have not been associated with a regular EI claim in the past three years or maternity/parental claim in the past five years.

In addition to the above, applicants will need to complete an program application and demonstrate suitability for the program. Students are required to complete all training modules, providing a fundamental foundation preparing graduates for entry level positions.

To learn more please contact: 250-923-9781 (toll-free 1-800-715-0914 ex. 7781) or email esa@nic.bc.ca



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