EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION (ECCE)

Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) is designed to prepare you with the necessary skills, knowledge and learning dispositions to be provincially certified as an early childhood educator with a specialty in the care and education of infants and toddlers.

Curriculum is based on current best practices in early learning and care, reflecting the changing needs of children and families in the 21st century. The program focusses on transforming thinking about the education of young children away from the provision of set content to the process of nurturing creative thinking, problem solving and relationships with and between children.

Theory is brought to life through experiential and place based learning. The program draws on the strengths of individual learners as it provides a model for supporting the development of dispositions and practices which can in turn be supported in working with young children and their families. The program challenges learners to co-create curriculum with children and to design learning environments which embrace the diversity of all children and families including local First Nations, Aboriginal and Inuit peoples.

ECCE prepares you to apply for a BC Early Childhood Educator Certificate to practice in British Columbia. For more information, please refer to the BC Government ECE Website. (http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/teach/training-and-professional-development/become-an-early-childhood-educator/apply-for-ece-ecea-certificate)

Duration of diploma program

The ECCE Diploma program is four semesters and spans two academic years. It is designed to accommodate both full-time and part-time students. There is an option to opt out of the Diploma program after successfully completing the 15 courses required and be granted an CMTN certificate for ECCE Certificate Program.

There are a number of options for provincial certification. If successful, you can apply for an Early Childhood Education Assistant (ECEA) Certificate after taking one of the required courses in either Semester 1, 2 or 3. You can also apply for a provincial Basic Early Childhood Education (ECE) Certificate after the successful completion of all courses in Semesters 1, 2 and 3. By completing Semester 4, you are eligible to apply for a provincial Basic ECE Certificate as well as an Infant Toddler Educator (ITE) Certificate. (Under the New West Partnership Trade Agreement, persons certified in BC as ECE or ITE can transfer your certification to practice to other provinces such as Alberta and Manitoba.)

For information about course planning contact an Educational Advisor (https://coastmountaincollege.ca/about-cmtn/department-contacts/details/darlene-westerman) for assistance with course selection.

Dates and locations

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Study on a full or part-time basis. Some courses are available online (https://coastmountaincollege.ca/programs/programs) and by video conference.

Speak with an Educational Advisor (https://coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/academic-support/educational-advising) for assistance with course selection.

Faculty

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Students can opt out of the Diploma Program and after successfully completing the 15 courses required, be granted an CMTN certificate for ECCE Certificate Program. Courses required for the Certificate are marked with an (†).

For information about applying for the ECE program contact Admissions (https://coastmountaincollege.ca/about-cmtn/department-contacts).

Information subject to change, please refer to our online catalogue for the most current revision. Printed - 04/30/19
## ECCE CRC Instructions

[https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/admissions/requirements/criminal-record-check](https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/admissions/requirements/criminal-record-check)

## ECCE Northern Health Immunization Form

[https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/docs/default-source/program-forms/ecce-admission/ecce-northern-health-immunization-form.pdf](https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/docs/default-source/program-forms/ecce-admission/ecce-northern-health-immunization-form.pdf)

## ECCE Reference Form


## Ministry CRC June 2017


### Requirements

- High School Graduation or Mature Student
- English 12 or Equivalent
- Criminal Record Check as required under BC Child Care Regulation
- Two letters of reference confirming suitability for working with young children, written and dated within one year of the application
- Up to date written submission of work history (Resume)
- Proof of compliance with BC’s Immunization and TB Control
- Comprehensive type written statement (approx. 500-800 words) outlining work and/or volunteer experience with children age birth to six, career goals, and reasons for taking the ECCE program

Note. Students will be required to take the CAT (English Placement) once admitted. Those with an unsatisfactory score will have the option of English upgrading and a modified course load.

*Students who wish to complete only CMTN’s ECCE Certificate must meet the same admission requirements as those taking ECCE Diploma program.*

The prerequisites for individual courses are outlined in the course descriptions. Students missing prerequisites may enrol in Career & College Preparation (CCP) (https://coastmountaincollege.ca/programs/discover/upgrading) upgrading courses while completing the program.

English proficiency is required for all students entering CMTN programs. Please visit our [English Language Alternatives](https://coastmountaincollege.ca/admissions/requirements/language-requirements/domestic-english-language-requirements) page to see how this requirement can be met. All admitted students will be required to take the CAT English Placement test. Those who do not receive a satisfactory score will be advised to take a modified course load and English upgrading.

### Conditional acceptance

Students looking for special or conditional acceptance into the ECCE diploma program must write a letter explaining why, including the timeframe needed to meet the outstanding requirement(s). Submit the letter along with your application to the Admissions Officer (https://coastmountaincollege.ca/about-cmtn/department-contacts). Conditional or special circumstance acceptances occur on a case-by-case basis.
Need help with the application process? Contact an Educational Advisor (https://coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/academic-support/educational-advising).

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Fees are effective as of August 7th, 2018

1. These fees are an annual cost. Program takes two years to complete.
2. Please note that these are approximate costs and may vary depending on courses taken.

**Note:** Travel to weekend workshops may be required.

**Career opportunities**

Early childhood educators are in high demand in BC and the rest of Canada. BC’s 2025 Labour Market Outlook Report ranks early childhood educators in the top 15 careers with greatest job openings.

ECCE graduates have the opportunity to find employment in a variety of settings:

- Group daycares for children between birth and 12 years
- In-home small group or family childcare
- Preschools
- Programs such as Aboriginal HeadStarts (on and off reserve), School Districts’ StrongStart, Supported Child Development (Aboriginal & non-Aboriginal), Infant Development, Aboriginal Infant Development and Family Resource

You may also utilize your ECCE education to obtain employment as an Education Assistant in northern BC Kindergartens and Grade 1. Municipal Parks and Recreation recruit those with ECEA and ECE/ITE certificates for children’s programs as well as other community services such as Transition (Safe) homes, Children Who Witness Abuse programs, and respite care homes and services.