

EDUCATION ASSISTANT

The Education Assistant (EA) certificate prepares learners to work at the para-professional level in the field of education. Education Assistants work under the supervision of classroom or resource teachers to support learners with exceptionalities and challenges in elementary and secondary education settings. The program builds the knowledge and skills learners need to work as part of an educational team, supporting the integration and education of learners with exceptionalities and challenges into a regular school classroom.

The Education Assistant program at CMTN consists of Indigenized curriculum. The program explores the definition of colonization and the effects of colonization on Indigenous education realities in Canada and B.C. The program also focuses on traditional Indigenous parenting models, and the effects of colonialism on Indigenous parenting and parent/family/community relationships with the school. Pathways to build trusting, meaningful relationships with Indigenous students, their families and communities are core parts of the Coast Mountain College Education Assistant curriculum.

Apply to CMTN

Visit Apply to CMTN (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/admissions/apply-to-cmntn/>) for an Admissions Checklist and to apply online.

Our Educational Advisors (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/student-support/educational-advising/>) are here to help if you have any questions or need guidance along the way.

Dates and locations

Intake	Location
Fall 2024	Regional

This program is geared towards potential learners who have an interest in working within the kindergarten to high school education system. An interest in working with people who have learning exceptionalities and challenges, working independently in one-on-one situations, and working collaboratively within a team setting are also important areas of interest for potential learners.

Students who have completed PSYC 201, SOCI 206, SOCI 205, or SOCI 270 will have internal transfer options to complete the EDUA certificate.

Code	Title	Credits
TERM 1		
EDUA 101	Child and Adolescent Development	3
EDUA 105	Intro to Exceptionalities & Inclusion	3
EDUA 140	Learning Forum I	3
EDUA 150	Practicum I	3
TERM 2		
EDUA 110	Interpersonal Communication (OR)	3
SSW 112	Interpersonal Communication (OR)	
ECCE 124	Interpersonal Communications	

EDUA 115	Understanding Families	3
EDUA 145	Learning Forum II	3
EDUA 155	Practicum II	3

TERM 3

EDUA 120	Teaching and Technology	3
EDUA 125	Curriculum in the Inclusive Classroom	3

Total Credits **30**

Important documents

- EDUA Reference form (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/docs/default-source/program-forms/edua/edua-reference-form.pdf>)
- Northern Health Immunization form (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/docs/default-source/program-forms/edua/immunization-form-2020.pdf>)

Step 1: Required for admission and registration

- English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12 (or equivalent).
- Two references from an employer, volunteer supervisor, teacher or educational professional, attesting to the applicant's personal suitability to work with students with exceptionalities. (written, recorded, or via reference check).
- Letter of Introduction (written, recorded, or orally presented through interview).
- Coordinator review of application package.

Step 2: Required for practicum

Students who fail to submit any step 2 documentation will be prohibited from attending the practicum.

- Criminal Record Check (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/admissions/requirements/criminal-record-check/>): (including advanced vulnerable populations) under the Criminal Records Review Act and the Ministry of Justice process for educational institutions. Applicants should only initiate their criminal record check when instructed by Admissions. Please note: Any changes to your criminal record status or events occurring that will impact your criminal record must be reported in writing to the program Dean. Some events may impact your ability to attend clinical or practicum settings. The implications of failing to report changes, as a student, can result in program failure.
- Proof of current immunizations / vaccinations / TB skin test (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/docs/default-source/program-forms/edua/immunization-form-2020.pdf>): Immunizations as outlined in the Practice Education Guidelines and recommended by the BC Centre for Disease Control (2009): diphtheria and tetanus, polio, hepatitis B, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), varicella and influenza. Negative Tuberculosis (TB) skin test or chest x-ray.

*Students who do not meet immunization requirements may be prohibited from attending practicum, subject to a site's policy



Fees	Domestic	International
Full-time		30 Credits
Tuition	\$3,620.70	\$15,388.50
Student Union Fees	\$163.92	\$163.92
Mandatory Fees	\$296.70	\$372.87
Health and Dental Insurance*	\$285.00	\$602.04
Tuition Total	\$4,366.32	\$16,527.33
Books and Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Program Total	\$5,242.26	\$17,160.18

Fees are effective August 1, 2023 for the 2023/24 academic year.

The Coast Mountain Students Union (CMSU) is pleased to offer Extended Health and Dental Insurance to all qualifying members. The plan is mandatory for all students enrolled in 6 or more credits or a trades program of 26 weeks or longer. Some students, including those studying overseas and those with existing extended health coverage, are eligible to opt out. Visit <https://cmsu.studenthealthbc.ca/> to learn more about the plan or request to opt out. You will also receive a detailed introductory email no later than 6 weeks after your semester starts. For any inquiries about the plan, please contact the Students' Union Organiser : Golnoosh Namazi, organiser@mycmsu.ca

Basic Health insurance is mandatory for all international students. Health insurance costs will be charged every term until students provide proof of MSP.

Upon graduation, the student will be able to:

- Reflect upon effective, meaningful Education Assistant practice.
- Conceptualize all duties required as an Education Assistant employed within a school district within the province of British Columbia.
- Carry out all duties required as an Education Assistant in accordance with the following standardizations:
 1. British Columbia Ministry of Education Special Education Services: A Manual of Policies, Procedures and Guidelines, Roles and Responsibilities of Teachers and Teacher Assistants/Education (2016), and
 2. Assistants Roles and Responsibilities of Teachers and Teacher Assistants/Education Assistants: A BCTF/CUPE Joint Paper (2009), White Paper: Call for Standards of Practice for Education Assistants in B.C. (2012)

Successful graduates will earn a certificate in the Education Assistant Program. Graduates are fully qualified to apply for work as an Education Assistant in any school district within British Columbia. Students may also use their completed certificate to apply for work at community based support services agencies.

