



## Early Childhood Educator Assistant (ECEA) Program Outline

### Program Delivery

The **Early Childhood Educator Assistant (ECEA) Certificate Program at Prime International College** provides students with the knowledge, skills, and hands-on experience required to support children in licensed early learning environments across Ontario.

The curriculum focuses on child development, health and safety standards, inclusive practices, and play-based learning approaches used in Canadian childcare settings. Through in-person instruction and supervised field experience, students learn to support children's emotional, social, physical, and cognitive development while promoting safety, positive behaviour, and age-appropriate learning.

### Admission Requirements

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Minimum 18 years of age
- Proficiency in English
- Clear Vulnerable Sector Police Check
- Proof of Immunization and Medical Clearance

*\*Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Seats are limited and subject to program availability.*

### Employment Profile

Graduates of the ECEA Program are trained to provide reliable, nurturing, and developmentally appropriate support to children in early learning settings. They assist lead educators with daily routines, learning activities, classroom organization, and maintaining safe environments.

Strong communication skills and professionalism enable graduates to work effectively with educators, families, and childcare teams while supporting children's growth and social development.

Graduates from Prime International College are equipped to work in diverse childcare environments, including daycare centres, preschools, kindergarten classrooms, and community-based program.

### Career Opportunities

The ECEA program prepares students for entry-level support roles in early learning environments, such as:

- Early Childhood Educator Assistant
- Childcare Assistant
- Preschool Assistant
- Daycare Worker
- Kindergarten Classroom Assistant
- Infant and Toddler Assistant
- After-School Program Assistant
- Childcare Provider in Private Homes

Graduate Satisfaction:	95%
Annual Salary Range:	\$41,000 – \$61,000
Hourly Rate:	\$20 – \$30 per hour

*\*Based on JobBank.gc.ca, NOC 42202)*

### Program Duration

Total Program Hours	Program Length
1000 Hours	40 Weeks (Approx.)

### Program Summary

This section provides a summary of total instructional hours, delivery format, and percentage weight for each component.

It offers a clear overview of the ECEA Program structure for reference by the Ministry and accrediting bodies.

Type of Learning	Total Hours	Delivery Format	% Weight
Theory	675 Hours	In-Person	67.5%
Practicum	325 Hours	In-Person	32.5%
Total	1000 Hours	In-Person	100%



### Program Outline

The ECEA curriculum blends classroom instruction with hands-on learning to ensure graduates are prepared for real childcare environments.

#### Fundamentals of Early Childhood Education

Learn the role of the ECEA, professional responsibilities, ethical practices, and expectations within early learning environments.

#### Child Growth and Development

Understand physical, cognitive, emotional, and social development from infancy through early childhood.

#### Health, Safety, and Nutrition

Develop knowledge of health regulations, safety procedures, infection prevention, and nutrition standards in childcare settings.

#### Learning Through Play

Explore play-based learning approaches and assist in planning activities that support creativity, exploration, and development.

#### Communication and Behaviour Support

Build effective communication skills and learn positive guidance strategies to support children's behaviour and emotional needs.

#### Inclusive Childcare Practices

Gain strategies to support children with diverse needs, abilities, and cultural backgrounds in inclusive environments.

#### Observation and Documentation

Learn how to observe children's behaviour, record developmental progress, and assist educators with daily documentation.

#### Professional Practice in Childcare Settings

Understand teamwork, confidentiality, professionalism, and workplace expectations in early learning centres.

#### Field Practicum

Apply classroom learning through supervised practical experience in real childcare or early learning environments.

#### Supporting Daily Routines and Transitions

Learn how to assist children with daily routines such as arrival, meals, rest time, and transitions, helping create a structured, safe, and supportive learning environment.

### List of Subjects and Time Allocation

#	Subject	Instruction Hours	Delivery Format
1	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	90	In-Person
2	Communication Skills	45	In-Person
3	Infant & Child Development	90	In-Person
4	Observation & Documentation	45	In-Person
5	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	45	In-Person
6	Child, Family, and Community	45	In-Person
7	Practicum I	125	In-Person
8	Introduction to Sociology	45	In-Person
9	Play-Based Early Learning Strategies	45	In-Person
10	Language and Literacy Development	45	In-Person
11	Introduction to Psychology	45	In-Person
12	Guiding Children's Behaviour	45	In-Person
13	Creating Inclusive Learning Environments	45	In-Person
14	Practicum II	200	In-Person

### Important Notes

- a) The order of courses may vary based on scheduling.
- b) All required textbooks, learning materials, and certifications are included in tuition fees.
- c) The college may update or revise course content, delivery sequence, or instructional materials to maintain compliance with **NACC** and **Ministry standards**.
- d) Continuous improvement initiatives ensure program quality through updated curriculum, modern learning spaces, and current early childhood practices.

### Summary

The **Early Childhood Educator Assistant Program at Prime International College** offers a fully in-person learning experience that connects theory with practical training. Graduates leave with the skills, confidence, and professionalism required to support children's development and contribute meaningfully to Ontario's early learning sector.