

Early Childhood Educator Registry: The provincial body responsible for: the approval and monitoring of early childhood education training programs; the licensure of early childhood educators, early childhood educator assistants, infant/toddler educators and special needs educators; and the investigation of early childhood educators and early childhood educator assistants.

Early Childhood Educator (5 Year): An individual who has been licensed as an early childhood educator (5 year) by the Early Childhood Educator Registry by meeting the following requirements:

- Successful completion of a basic early childhood education training program through an approved educational institution, or equivalent training.
- A written reference from an early childhood educator with a valid British Columbia ECE licence to practice (or equivalent, if hrs were done within another Canadian prov/territory) stating that the individual is competent:
 - In the areas of child development, guidance, health and safety and nutrition.
 - To develop and implement an early childhood education curriculum.
 - With respect to the fostering of positive relationships with children, the families of children and with co-workers.
- Complete at least 500 hours of work experience relevant to early childhood education.
- Demonstrated he/she is of good character and has the personality, ability and temperament necessary to manage or work with children.

Early Childhood Educator (1 Year): An individual who has been licensed as an early childhood educator (1 year) by the Early Childhood Educator Registry by meeting the following requirements:

- Successful completion of a basic early childhood education training program through an approved educational institution, or equivalent training, and
- Demonstrated he/she is of good character and has the personality, ability and temperament necessary to manage or work with children.

Early Childhood Educator Assistant: An individual who has been licensed as an early childhood educator assistant by the Early Childhood Educator Registry by meeting the following requirements:

- Successful completion of one course of a basic early childhood education training program offered at an approved educational institution, in child development; child guidance; or health, safety and nutrition, or equivalent training.
- Demonstrated he/she is of good character and has the personality, ability and temperament necessary to manage or work with children.

Infant and Toddler Educator: An individual who has been licensed as an infant/toddler educator by the Early Childhood Educator Registry by meeting the following requirements:

- Qualifies for an early childhood educator five year certificate, and
- Has successfully completed post-basic infant and toddler educator training program through an approved educational institution, or equivalent training.

Special Needs Educator: An individual who has been licensed as a special needs educator by the Early Childhood Educator Registry by meeting the following requirements:

- Qualifies for an early childhood educator five year certificate, and
- Has successfully completed a post-basic special needs educator training program through an approved educational institution, or equivalent training.

Licence to Practice Certificate: A licence to practice is the certificate issued by the Early Childhood Educator Registry and is required by the [Community Care and Assisted Living Act](#) and [Child Care Licensing Regulation](#). The licensure categories include:

- Early childhood educator assistant
- Early childhood educator (1 Year)
- Early childhood educator (5 Year)
- Infant/toddler educator
- Special needs educator

Approved Educational Institution: A post-secondary training institution that meets the policy and curriculum requirements of the Early Childhood Educator Registry in order to offer a Basic Education or Post-Basic Education program.

Basic Education: The education required to meet the academic requirements to become a licensed early childhood educator. Typically, training requires 10 months of study.

Equivalent Training: Training completed at an educational institution not approved by the Early Childhood Educator Registry but that meets approximately 80 per cent of the course content and instructional hours required in an approved early childhood education training program. Additional requirements include:

- The educational institution which offers the training must be approved by the province, state or country in which it is based.
- Admission into the program requires completion of secondary education or a school leaving certificate.

Post-Basic Education: The education required to meet the academic requirements for either infant/toddler or special needs.

Post-Secondary Institution: A recognized training institution that provides formal education following the completion of secondary education.

Official Transcript: A document issued by a post-secondary institution that provides information regarding the courses a student has completed and the grade achieved. Official transcripts bear the college seal, signature of the registrar and are often on security paper.

Assessment Checklist Letter: A letter issued by the Early Childhood Educator Registry which outlines the areas of required training that have been completed and the areas that remain outstanding.