

Certificate

Child Care Assistant

Certificate issued by the Government of Alberta.
Start classes in January, May, or September.

Who Are You?

This program is ideal for learners who:

- Live anywhere in Alberta
- Are passionate about working with children
- Are prepared to attend daily classes
- Prefer a small, supportive class led by a helpful teacher
- Want an engaging virtual learning experience catered to their needs
- Recognize the benefit of work experience and its competitive advantage

The Columbia Difference

- Experience live, interactive classes
- Qualify for funded courses and a monthly living allowance for those who are eligible.

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Course Information



Duration: 48 or 32 weeks
Monday-Friday (25 hours/week)



Semester Intake: January, May,
and September

Course Stats

78%

Employment Rate
2021-2022

\$15-17.50/hour

Starting Salary

Program Information

This program teaches the roles and responsibilities of a childcare worker in Alberta while developing communication, observation, and skills for guiding child behaviour (from birth to 6 years of age).

Embedded within the curriculum are:

- Job search strategies
- Industry vocabulary
- Skills for success (previously referred to as essential skills employers look for)
- Professional behaviours which will help learners improve their success in the workforce.

This program offers 2 lengths:

48 week program

- Learners born outside of Canada: CLB 4, Math Grade 4
- Learners who have attended school in Canada: English Grade 5 and Math Grade 4

32 week program:

- Learners born outside of Canada: CLB 5, Math Grade 5
- Learners who have attended school in Canada: English Grade 6 and Math Grade 5

Before entering the program, all participants must be able to:

- Achieve satisfactory results on the Columbia College Accuplacer assessment in reading comprehension, writing, and math
- Successfully complete an entry interview with the Career and Employment Coordinator for suitability

Additionally, applicants must:

- Be an Alberta resident
- Be unemployed or marginally employed
- Be committed to seeking employment
- Meet citizenship requirements (e.g., Canadian Citizen, Permanent Refugee, or Convention Refugee) and be legally entitled to work and train in Canada

Course Delivery

This course has been developed as a blended delivery model (a combination of face-to-face and online). It is strongly recommended that online learners have:

- Daily access to a reliable computer (Windows PC recommended) for the full duration of the class.
- Reliable internet service with high-speed internet. A cable connection is the best however staying closer to the Wi-Fi also works.
- A comfortable chair
- A workspace away from distractions
- A working microphone and video camera
- Earphones or earbuds (optional)

Career Opportunities

In the final 5 weeks of the training program, learners will attend 5 weeks of work experience (practicum) where they will be challenged to apply all areas of acquired classroom knowledge to practical real-life circumstances. Work hours will be a minimum of 25-40 hours per week (depending on the employer's needs) for the duration of the practicum placement.

Example Job Titles Include (but are not limited to):

- Bus attendant
- Child development assistant
- Child minder
- Day care worker
- Day home provider
- Lunchroom supervisor