

Certificate

Education Assistant Professional

Take the first step towards a rewarding career in the education industry with Columbia College's 6-month program.



Your Career in Education Starts Here

Experience the convenience of online, live, instructor-led, accelerated learning, allowing you to complete a 1-year certificate in just 6 months.

Do you have a passion for working with students, supporting their growth, and making a positive impact in their lives? Columbia College's Education Assistant Professional Certificate is designed to provide you with the knowledge, skills, and practical training necessary to excel as an Education Assistant. From understanding diverse learning needs and implementing effective teaching strategies, to promoting inclusive classroom environments and collaborating with teachers, you will acquire a well-rounded skill set.

With experienced instructors who are dedicated to your success and immersive practicum experiences, you'll gain the confidence and expertise required to support students of all abilities in their educational journey.

Join us at Columbia College and become a vital member of the education community, shaping the future of our students and making a difference one classroom at a time.

Quality education employers value.

Connect with an advisor today for detailed program information:

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96%

Employment Rate
2025-2026



95%

Graduation Rate
2025-2026



up to
\$30

Per Hour
Starting Salary

Type	Certificate
Program Delivery	Online
Start Dates	January, May, September
Duration	6 Months
Class Schedule	Tues and Thurs (5:30pm - 9:30PM), Sat (8:30am to 4:30pm), and Tues (3pm to 5pm once per month)
Program Fees	\$7,773.00 *Subject to change with new academic year

Program Entry Requirements

Students can apply for admission into the Education Assistant Professional Certificate through either Standard Admission or through Mature Admission.

Standard Admission

- Prospective students who are **18 years of age and under** can apply through Standard Admission, meeting the following criteria:
- Alberta high school diploma, verified by transcript, or non-Alberta equivalent,
- Minimum 60% in English 30-1 or 70% in English 30-2 or equivalent,

Mature Student Admission

- Prospective students who are **19 years of age or older** can apply through Mature Admission, meeting the following criteria:
- Have been out of high school for 1 year
 - Have met academic English requirements **or** successfully meet entry levels on the ACCUPLACER Assessment test or equivalent.

Additional Requirements

- Attend Columbia College's Program Orientation prior to the start of the program.
- Admissions interview(s) to determine suitability for the profession and opportunity for success in the program.
- Evidence of the application for a Police Information Check, Vulnerable Sector Search and Child Intervention Check must be submitted prior to the start of the program.
- Standard First Aid and CPR Training Level C (prior to starting practicum – by the end of the first semester)

Tuition-Free College Prep Upgrading

Need to upgrade your academic skills before starting college? Our tuition-free College Prep Upgrading courses provide students with the tools they need to succeed in college-level courses.

*Conditions apply. Speak to an advisor for more information.