COLUMBIA COLLEGE CALGARY



Certificate

Child Care Assistant

Certificate issued by the Government of Alberta.

Your Career in Child Care Starts Here

Are you passionate about working with children?

Columbia College's Child Care Assistant Program offers interactive classes that involve learners in group discussions, research, role plays, practical application of skills, and presentations. As you progress through our program, you will gain invaluable hands-on experience, and sharpen your abilities to excel in real-life child care scenarios. For 5 weeks, you will practice what you have learned in a licensed daycare of your choice. Our comprehensive curriculum encompasses not only the core child care knowledge but also equips you with essential job search strategies, industry vocabulary, computer proficiency, and professional behaviors known as Skills for Success. These components give you the competitive edge to succeed in today's job market.

Upon the successful completion of the program, graduates may apply for a Level 1 Early Childhood Educator Certificate through the Alberta Child Care Staff Certification Office.

Quality education employers value.

Connect with an advisor today for detailed program information:

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Program Statistics

89%
Employment Rate
2024-2025

$15-17
Per Hour
Starting Salary

Type	Certificate
Program Delivery	Hybrid or Online
Start Dates	January, May, September
Duration	48 or 32 weeks
Class Schedule	Mon to Fri (9:00am - 2:00pm)
Program Fees	Grant funded (for those who qualify)

Program Entry Requirements

The Child Care Assistant Program offers 2 lengths:

48 Week Program

- Language entry requirement – CLB 4
- Academic entry requirement – English Grade 5 and mathematics Grade 4

32 Week Program

- Language entry requirement – CLB 5
- Academic entry requirement – English Grade 6 and mathematics Grade 5

Before entering the program, all applicants must:

- Meet the required language entry requirement (where applicable).
- Achieve satisfactory results on the Columbia College assessment in reading comprehension, writing, and mathematics.
- Successfully complete a Columbia College computer skills assessment (or equivalent) that will address basic computer skills (which includes basic internet and email knowledge), and introductory Microsoft Word.
- Successfully complete an entry interview with the Career and Employment Coordinator for suitability.

Additional Requirements

- Be an Alberta resident and currently residing full-time in the province (or address in city of Lloydminster)
- Be unemployed or marginally employed
- Be committed to seeking employment
- Meet citizenship requirements (e.g. Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident, or Convention Refugee) and be legally entitled to work and train in Canada
- Have a valid social insurance number (SIN)
- Please note all students will be required to apply for a Police Information Check in their final semester of the program and provide a copy of the results to their practicum host employer.