



EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSISTANCE



Early Childhood Assistance
Program



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> Introduction



About The Program

In today's communities, the demand for skilled and compassionate early childhood professionals has never been higher. The NACC Early Childhood Assistant 2021 program at ICT Schools is designed to equip students with the foundational knowledge and practical skills needed to support the healthy development and well-being of young children in a variety of settings.

This program, developed to the new National Association of Career Colleges (NACC) standards and approved by the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities, provides comprehensive training in child development, program planning, and professional practice. Through a combination of theoretical learning and hands-on practicum experience, students graduate ready to provide nurturing and educational support, making a meaningful impact in the lives of children and families.



> Program Highlights

This program is offered through Full In-Person Delivery or a Combination of In-Person and Online (Hybrid), blending foundational knowledge with essential practical skills. It prepares graduates to effectively assist Early Childhood Educators, maintain safe and engaging spaces for children, and communicate with parents and team members. Whether you are starting your career or seeking a rewarding role in a high-demand field, this program provides the essential skills to thrive.



Total Program Hours

1,000



Eligibility

Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent, or successful completion of the Wonderlic Scholastic Level Exam (SLE) with a minimum score of 14.



> Program Instruction Hours Breakdown

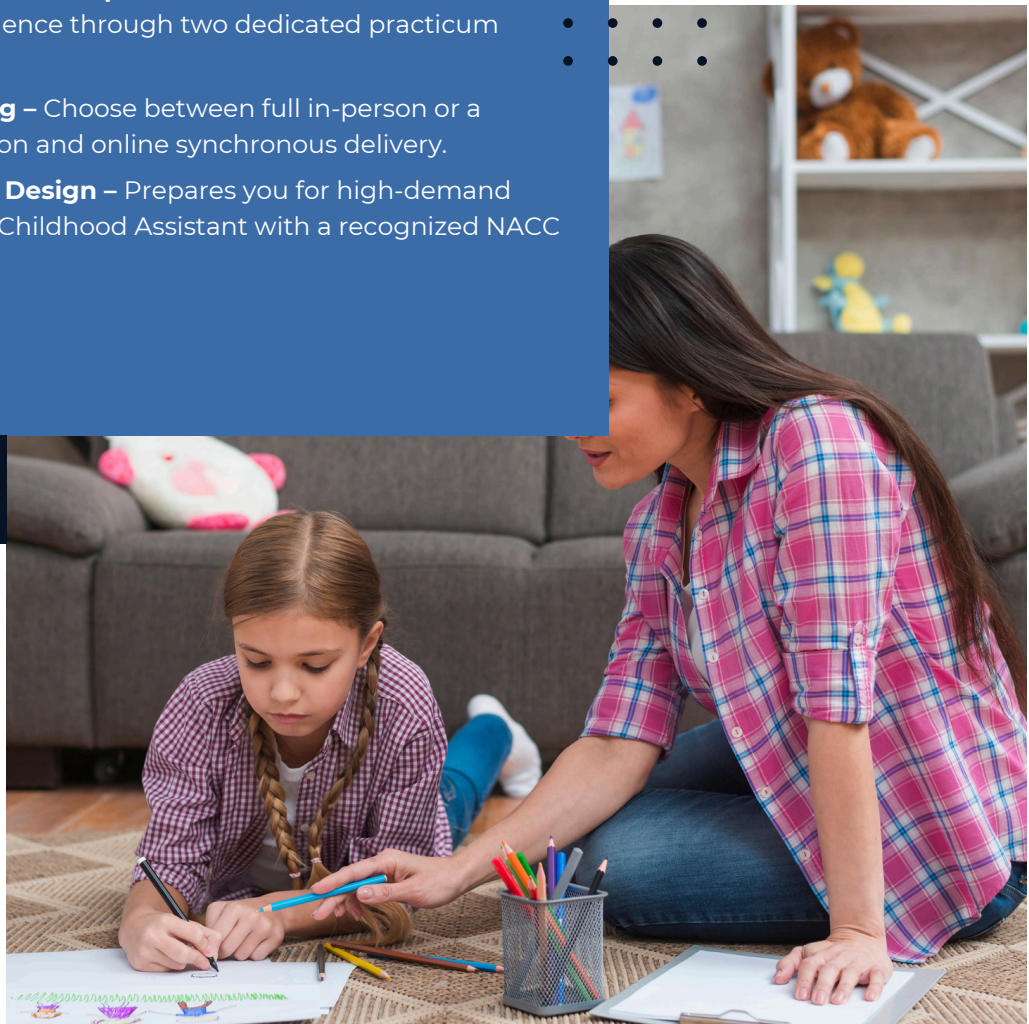
Type of Learning	Total Instruction Hours	Delivery Formats	% Weight
Theory	675	In-person/Online-Synchronous	67.5
Practicum	325	Off-site Work Placement	32.5





> Why Choose This Program?

- ✓ **Pathway to Advancement** – Graduates have the opportunity to enter the second year of Canadore College's Early Childhood Education Diploma Program.
- ✓ **Hands-On Practicum Experience** – Gain over 300 hours of real-world experience through two dedicated practicum placements.
- ✓ **Flexible Learning** – Choose between full in-person or a hybrid of in-person and online synchronous delivery.
- ✓ **Career-Focused Design** – Prepares you for high-demand roles as an Early Childhood Assistant with a recognized NACC Diploma.

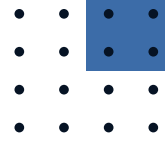




> Career Paths for Graduates

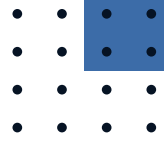
- ✓ Early Childhood Assistant
- ✓ Daycare Assistant
- ✓ Kindergarten Assistant
- ✓ After-School Program Staff
- ✓ Agency Support Worker for Exceptional Children





> Program Details

Program	Hours
ECED1010: Foundations of Early Childhood Education	90
COMM1010: Communications	45
PSYC1030: Infant and Child Development	90
ECED1020: Observation Skills	45
ECED1030: Health Safety and Nutrition	45
ECED1040: Child, Family and Community	45
ECED1001: Practicum I	125
SOCI1000: Introduction to Sociology	45
PSYC1000: Introduction to Psychology	45



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ECED1050: Play-Based Early Learning Strategies	45
ECED1060: Language and Literacy	45
ECED1070: Guiding Children's Behavior	45
ECED1080: Creating Inclusive Environments	45
ECED1090: Special Needs	45
ECED1002: Practicum II	200



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