

Early Childhood Education (ECE) Assistant Certificate Program!



Open to SD38 Grade 10/11 students going into Grade 11/12 in September!

FEATURES OF THE ECE ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM:

- The program **courses meet the requirements for obtaining a provincial Early Childhood Educator Assistant Certificate** while ensuring that students receive a higher-quality, more thorough foundation in Early Childhood Education theory and practice than just the minimum requirement.
- This is being offered through a partnership between SD38 Career Programs and Delta Continuing Education.
- Delta Continuing Education is approved provincially as a training institution for Early Childhood Education Basic and Post-Basic Certificates and is certified by Human Resources & Social Development Canada. ***Students gain credits towards a Basic ECE Certificate if they wish to pursue further education locally.***

WHEN DOES THE PROGRAM RUN:

- July 2024 – the program will run for 4 weeks
- **Program hours:** Monday to Friday, 6 hours per day (9:00 am – 3:30 pm)
- **Work Experience:** On Fridays students will be on placement with children, applying what they are learning in class.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS:

- FREE program TUITION for the ECE courses
- Through the ECE Program students have the potential to earn both high school and post-secondary credits.
- The ECE program is designed to develop and enhance practical skills; increasing students' knowledge for a successful ECE career. Students will obtain work experience hours during the program.
- If successful in completing all the summer courses, the student is eligible to apply as a CERTIFIED ECE ASSISTANT and are on their way to becoming a fully certified Early Childhood Educator!

APPLICANT ATTRIBUTES/QUALIFICATIONS:

- Excellent attendance (students may not miss more than a total of one day of program)
- Ability to work independently and work in a group
- Enjoys working with young children
- Minimum of a C+ in Math 10; Math 11 preferred
- Minimum of a C+ in English 10; English 11 or Comm 11 preferred
- Be registered in a Richmond school and entering either grade 11 or 12 in September 2024
- Applications coming soon to schools; Students must apply no later than March 5th, 2024

PROGRAM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

- **ECE 204: Health, Safety, & Nutrition (45 hours)**
The focus of this course is on providing and maintaining a healthy and safe environment for young children. (Credit towards an ECE Basic Certificate.)
- **Introduction to Early Childhood Education (18 hours)**
This module provides a foundational introduction to key concepts within early childhood education, including child growth and development, positive guidance and discipline, working with families, the importance of play, and curriculum experiences for children.
- **ECE 106 – Interpersonal Skills (12 hours)**
The quality of our relationships with others is affected by our knowledge of ourselves and our ability to communicate effectively. The focus will be on group exercises designed to increase communication skills and to develop a rich group experience. (Credit towards an ECE Basic Certificate.)
- **Observation Workshop (6 hours)**
Children have many ways of expressing themselves and we can begin to understand what they are experiencing and the meaning they bring to their experiences through observation. This workshop introduces you to the reasons for observing children and methods of recording, documentation, and interpretation. (Credit towards an ECE Basic Certificate.)
- **ECE Employment Workshop (6 hours)**
This workshop focuses on seeking work in the field of early childhood education, including job postings, resumes/cover letters, industry networking, job interviews, and what to expect: pay scales, benefits, working for non-profit vs. private operations, and more.
- **Work Experience Placement (24 hours)**
Students are placed for work experience with a childcare operation which is a valuable asset when applying for provincial ECE Assistant certification. Students are provided with WorkSafeBC coverage through Richmond School District while on their placement.
- **Work Experience Seminars (Pre-Placement and Reviews) (6 hours)**
Students are prepared for successful work experience with a child care operation and will review experiences regularly with an experienced Early Childhood Educator.
- **ECE Assistant Application Assistance (3 hours)**
This session will assist students in applying for the ECE Assistant Certificate through the provincial ECE Registry.

**The ECE Assistant Program application
will be coming in January!**

