

Early Childhood Education LEVEL 1 TRAINING PROGRAM

Level I Training in Early Childhood Education is a program designed to fulfill the requirements as determined by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for employment classification in the field of Early Childhood.

Updates for 2017:

- The Level I Training Program **will continue to be offered**, with options to register in the program at the beginning of each semester: September, January and May every year until further notice.
- Theory Courses and Guided Work Experience Courses **can now be taken concurrently**, so you do not have to wait to complete the 3 theory courses before enrolling in your work experience courses.
- To register for Level I courses, you have a new contact: Student Advisor Apollonia Laureijs (902) 661-3909 or Apollonia.Laureijs@nsc.ca .

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

The training consists of 3 theory courses that are completed online, and 2 Guided Workplace Experiences that are completed on-site at your place of employment.

Part I: Online Theory Courses:

- 1) Human Growth & Development - GDEV 1028
- 2) Positive Child Guidance - ECSP 1005
- 3) Programming for Young Children - ECSP 7000

Part II: Guided Work Experience Courses:

- 1) Guided Workplace Experience I - GWEI (250 hours over minimum 6 week period)
- 2) Guided Workplace Experience II - GWE2 (250 hours)

These hours are completed in conjunction with your employer and the supervising faculty in your workplace.

HOW TO APPLY:

To retrieve the Application Form online, go to: www.ecdsc.nsc.ca

You will also need to provide:

- 1) A letter written by your current employer that provides confirmation of employment in a licensed childcare facility.
- 2) A High School transcript providing evidence of grade 12 diploma

You can submit your application using one of the methods below:

- By Fax: 902-661-3170 (Attention: Apollonia Laureijs)
- By Email: Apollonia.Laureijs@nsc.ca

Be sure to supply an up-to-date email address that you check regularly for information about your courses and the training.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Each course offered through online is \$427* per course (*subject to NSCC official course fees). Prior to being enrolled in each course, payment must be made in order for registration to be completed.

WHEN IS THE TRAINING OFFERED?

- Theory courses are offered every online semester, which occur each **September, January, and May**. September and January semesters are 14 weeks in length, while May semester is only 5 weeks in length, so coursework is condensed into a tighter timeframe in the shorter May semester. If this is not your preference, then you should opt to enroll in one of the longer semesters.
- Guided Work Experience I and II courses are available for enrollment each online semester, starting in September, January and May. You will be assigned a faculty based on your geographic location. Please do not begin tracking hours for credit until you have registered officially in the course.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

NSCC provides an academic transcript upon completion of the training. **The 3 theory courses can be applied for credit toward the Early Childhood Education Diploma**, offered through NSCC. Guided Work Experiences are currently not eligible for direct credit in the ECE Diploma program. For more information about the full ECE Diploma program at NSCC, contact Apollonia Laureijs, Student services Advisor for ECE Online at 902-661-3909 or Connie Fisher Lead Academic Chair for ECE Online at 902-694-0477.

HOW DO I RECEIVE MY LEVEL I CLASSIFICATION CERTIFICATE?

Upon completion of the training, you will submit the academic transcript issued by NSCC, directly to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. They are responsible for awarding classification certification to individuals. For more information about Level I Classification see the Department's website:

<http://www.ednet.ns.ca/earlyyears/pd/ClassificationLevel1.shtml>

WHO CAN I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT LEVEL I TRAINING AT NSCC?

For questions about eligibility or general questions about course offerings or questions about registering into courses, or payment arrangements contact:

Apollonia Laureijs, Student Advisor - ECE Online
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Other Contact:

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