



# Become a Registered Early Childhood Educator (ECE)

Do you want to inspire young growing minds? Do you have a passion for working with children 0-12 years old? The Early Childhood Education field may be right for you!

**Find a pathway that works for you!**

## Have you Completed High School?

Try the [Early Childhood Education Diploma](#) at Lambton College, or programs such as [The First Nations Technical Institute](#). A list of all ECE programs is on: [OntarioColleges.ca](#). Ask for a [campus tour](#) which can help put your mind at ease!

Complete your diploma in 2 years, then [register](#) with the College of Early Childhood Educators to become a Registered Early Childhood Educator!



## Are You Still in High School?



### [Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program](#)

Take the Child Development Practitioner apprenticeship and use it towards an ECE diploma.

### Specialist High Skills Major ([LKDSB](#))([SCCDSB](#))

Talk to your school guidance counsellor to choose a focused course selection. This will give yourself an edge and add a special designation to your high school diploma!

School-College-Work Initiative: Try out a college course for free and earn a dual credit!

[ECE 1164](#): Intro to ECE - Play 1: Music, Art, Drama, Movement (Learning Through Play)

## Looking to Complete High School?

### [Academic Upgrading](#)

Start here if you are looking for an extra prerequisite course. You can do it at Lambton College.

### [Adult Upgrading \(LKDSB\)](#)

Complete your Ontario Secondary School Diploma and upgrade your skills for success as an ECE.

### [School Within a College](#)

Complete your high school diploma at Lambton College, then apply for the ECE diploma program.



## Do you Currently Work in Child Care?



### [Qualifications Upgrading Program](#)

If you are working in a child care setting you can get free money to complete your ECE diploma from [ECEgrants.on.ca](#). They will also pay for your ECE registration!

There is a grant that will also help pay to upgrade your leadership skills.

The Child Development Practitioner apprenticeship is available from [SkilledTradesOntario.ca](#). You can count completed apprenticeship hours towards ECE diploma credits at some colleges in Ontario.

## Are you a University or College Graduate?

You may be eligible for a fast-track program with an Ontario College.

Get your ECE diploma in 1 year. You might qualify if you already have an eligible university degree or college diploma. Visit [www.OntarioColleges.ca](#)



Visit [OntarioColleges.ca](#) to see all ECE programs.

Financial Support at: [ECEgrants.on.ca](#)

Find out how to work and get your apprenticeship at: [SkilledTradesOntario.ca](#)

Learn more about Early Childhood Educators at: [UnsungHeroesECE.com](#)

Learn more about the College of Early Childhood Educators at: [College-ECE.ca](#)

Eligible job seekers may receive employment-related financial supports through an Employment Ontario provider.



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