

Early Learning & Childcare, Certificate/Diploma

Changing roles in society have increased the demand for a wide variety of services for preschool and school-aged children and for highly skilled and trained personnel. Childcare practitioners create environments for children that are safe, secure and supportive of good health in the broadest sense. They design programs that provide children with opportunities to develop physically, socially, emotionally, morally, spiritually, cognitively and creatively.

A healthy environment for children is one in which each child's self-esteem is enhanced, play is encouraged and a warm, loving atmosphere is maintained.

What you can be with your Early Learning & Childcare, Certificate/Diploma:

Child and Youth Care Worker #4212	Educational Assistant #6472	Early Childhood Educator #4214.1	Nanny #6474.2
Health Care Aide #3413, #6471.1	Program Assistant #6472	Special Needs Teacher #4142	Caregiver #4214.1
Child Care Professional #4214.1	Day Care Worker #4214.1	Family Day Home Provider #4214.1	Play School Teacher #4214.1
Community Disability Services Practitioner #4212	Teacher Aide #6472	Community Support Worker #4212	Youth Care Worker #4212
Instructional Assistant #6472	Special Needs Educational Assistant #6472	Babysitter #6474	Parent's Helper #6472
Child Development Facilitator	In-home Support Worker	Family and Community Support Worker	

With additional education I could be a:

Teaching Administration	Nutritional Director	Program Director	Camp Director
Recreation Specialist #0513	Child Care Consultant	Reading Teacher #6473	Teacher #4142
Curriculum Developer	Administration #1411	Admissions Counsellor #4143	Foreign Student Advisor #4143
Arts Enrichment Program Coordinator #5136.3	Headstart Teacher/Program Director	School Principal	School Superintendent
Student Teacher Supervisor	Counsellor	Tutor	Social Service Specialist/Director
Social Welfare Worker #4152	Planned Parenthood Worker #4152	Child Mental Health Specialist #4212	Program Coordinator

This career/job listing is only a sample of the possible career options; these are certainly not the only career/job options accessible with this degree/diploma. Some of the careers listed require further education.

For career information, enter the four digit number listed below in the Alberta Learning Information Services Website (www.alis.alberta.ca) or the National Occupational Classification Website (<http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/>).

RDC Career Services can help you explore your interests, identify your goals, discuss your career options and job search strategies and discover how to make the most of your education. Email or give us a call to connect with a career counsellor.

RDC Department Information: Early Learning and Childcare rdc.ab.ca/programs/education

Potential employers:

Provincial Government Departments	School Boards	Private Agencies	Residential Treatment Programs
Group Homes	After School Programs	Child Care Centres	Early Intervention Programs
Centres for Special Needs Children	Summer Camps	Hospitals	Recreation Centres
Women's Shelter	Parent Link Centres	Speech Therapy Offices	Home Schooling Environments
Post Secondary Institutions	Emergency Shelters	Family Support and Independent Living Programs	Community Leagues

Major Skills Obtained from an Early Learning & Childcare, Certificate/Diploma

- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Decision-making and problem-solving skills
- The desire, ability and maturity required to engage in intense therapeutic relationships with children, youth and families
- The ability to be reliable and consistent
- The flexibility and creativity required to adopt new ways to do things with the ability to work in a team environment
- Good health and physical fitness
- The ability to deal with emotional and mental stress
- The ability to interact in an tactful, empathetic manner
- Ability to take direction and work independently
- Good observation skills
- A positive attitude
- Flexibility
- Patience
- Sensitivity

Professional Associations and Sites of Interest

Canadian Child Care Federation - www.cccf-fcsgc.ca

Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada - www.ccaac.ca

Childcare Canada - www.childcarecanada.org

The Muttart Foundation - www.muttart.org

Early Learning Makes a Difference -

www.earlylearningpela.ca

Early Learning and Childcare Quality - www.childcarequality.ca

Child Care Resource and Referrals - www.childcareoptions.ca

The Alberta Association for the Accreditation for Early Learning and Care Service -

www.aelcs.ca

Alberta Child Care Association -

www.albertachildcare.org

Information adapted from alis.gov.ab.ca, rdc.ab.ca, and www.csuchio.edu/chld/studentResources/whatCanIDo.shtml