



3 SEMESTERS
1230 hours

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Become an Early Childhood Educator with this program in Montréal!

Being an Early Childhood Educator is a vocation where you lay the educational foundation for children, actively participate in their development, support their growth and learning, and help them explore the world.

The goal of the AEC in Early Childhood Education is to train educators to work with children between the ages of 0 and 12 in daycare centers. Their role is to educate the future generation!

During their childhood education training, students will learn, among other things, to:

- Observe the children under their care to better understand them and meet their needs
- Design stimulating activities that promote children's growth
- Support little children in their physical, motor, cognitive, language, social and emotional development
- Identify challenging behaviors and difficulty adapting and respond proactively
- Create and maintain a meaningful relationship with the child in close collaboration with the child's parents

In addition, the student will be asked to complete various observation, integration and management internships in an educational setting, for example in early childhood centers or right at the [LaSalle des Petits daycare](#).

Graduates will be able to quickly find a job with this AEC. This field has an extremely high placement rate because of high demand for labor.

Program Objectives

Graduates with an AEC in Early Childhood Education can work at childcare facilities. This training, combined with three internship experiences, will allow educators to be accredited as qualified childcare personnel according to the regulation on educational childcare services.

Career Prospects

- Daycare and early childhood centers
- Childcare services in the educational environment
- Coordinator offices — Family childcare centers
- Other childcare services (community drop-in childcare, kindergartens, etc.)

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Diploma

This program leads to an Attestation of College Studies (AEC) recognized by the ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur (MES) and by the ministère de la Famille (MF).

Specialized Training

Semester 1

- Early Childhood Profession (45 hours)
- Safety and Hygiene in Early Childcare Centers (45 hours)
- Childhood Development from 0 to 2 years old (60 hours)
- Writing and Summarizing Texts Relevant to the Profession (45 hours)
- Communication Skills in the Workplace (45 hours)
- Observing Children's Behaviour (45 hours)
- Creativity in Early Childcare Centers (45 hours)
- Child's Health in Early Childcare Centers (45 hours)

Semester 2

- Child's Art Development and Playing Skills (45 hours)
- Childhood Development from 2 to 12 years old (60 hours)
- Planning Activities for Early Childcare Centers (75 hours)
- Meaningful Relationship with Children (60 hours)
- Observation and Communication Internship (180 hours)

Semester 3

- Organizing and Leading Individual Educational Activities (45 hours)
- Organizing and Leading Group Educational Activities (45 hours)
- Behavioural Interventions in Early Childcare Centers (60 hours)
- Development of Childhood Autonomy (45 hours)
- Integration and Animation Internship (240 hours)

* The College reserves the right to substitute some courses.

Admission Criteria

Have a training deemed sufficient and meet the admission criteria set for college studies

Required qualities and aptitudes

- Language proficiency and communication skills
- Creativity
- Teamwork and interpersonal relations
- Autonomy and initiative
- Patience and understanding
- Being open-minded
- Ability to adapt
- Good physical and psychological health

Methods of Instruction

Hybrid (day and evening)

- Training that combines on-campus courses (Montréal) and live virtual classes (synchronous).

Immunization

In the context of their internships, enrolled students will be called on to show that their vaccinations are up-to-date: diphtheria, poliomyelitis, and tetanus, as well as measles, mumps, and rubella. Vaccinations for COVID-19, hepatitis B, and influenza may also be required. Students must be in good health.

Lack of impediments

Students will be asked to show proof that they have no impediments to carrying out their internships. A police record check will be carried out. This verification requirement will be handled by the College.