



HOW TO BECOME AN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR: THROUGH THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

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Register as an Apprentice

- Must have an Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent
- Must have an employer who agrees to sponsor the apprentice
- Register as a Child Development Practitioner Apprentice with the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (MLTSD) using the Skilled Trades Ontario Portal (STOP)
- An Apprenticeship Training Agreement must be signed by the apprentice, employer and the Employment Training Consultant assigned by the MLTSD
- Register with the Ontario College of Trades and pay the membership fee prior to the start of training
- Indicate to the MLTSD which college is preferred
- Once an Offer of Classroom Training Letter is received from MLTSD, the apprentice can pursue the "In-School" portion of the apprenticeship
- "In-School" Training refers to the formal education portion, delivered in the model chosen by the college of choice

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Apprenticeship Program

- "In-School" Training, 720 hours at an MLTSD-approved Ontario College of Arts and Technology
- 17 theory courses delivered in-person, online, or in hybrid/blended model
- 6 field placements (which may be done at apprentice's workplace depending on the college)
- On-the-Job Training, 5280 hours
- Complete all competencies of Apprenticeship Training Standard as witnessed by sponsor

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Certification

- Submit completed Apprenticeship training standard Log Book to MLTSD
- Apply to graduate from College CDP Apprenticeship Program
- MLTSD issues the Child Development Practitioner Certificate of Apprenticeship

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ECE Bridging

- Upon graduation of CDP Program, apprentice must apply to ECE bridging program at the College where "In-School" training occurred
- Complete additional course and practical requirements (3 General Education and 2 ECE Communication courses) to attain Early Childhood Education (ECE) Diploma

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College of ECE Membership

- Upon receipt of Early Childhood Education (ECE) Ontario College Diploma, register with the College of Early Childhood Educators to become a Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE)

