



HOW TO BECOME AN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR: FOR HIGHSCHOOL STUDENTS

1 Speak to your guidance counsellor about the ECE field

- Look at related co-op opportunities
- The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program
- Look at relevant courses needed for programs

2 Consider taking courses that will prepare you for post-secondary programs

- Families in Canada
- Human Development Throughout the Lifespan
- Working with Infants and Young Children
- Raising Healthy Children
- Working with School-Age Children and Adolescents

3 Apply for post-secondary programs- Virtual & In Person

- St. Clair College - In Person
- College Boreal (French) - In Person and Online
- Fanshawe College, Humber College, Algonquin College - Online and Hybrid Options

4 Determine what career path would interest you

- Child Care or Early Years Administrator for Government
- EarlyON Child and Family Centre Facilitator
- Pedagogist
- Instructor/ Professor
- Family Support Worker
- Quality Assurance
- Authorized Recreation & Skill Building Program Facilitator
- Placement Advisor
- Teaching Assistant in Public or Private School
- Child Care Educator, Operator, Supervisor or Manager
- RECE in a Kindergarten classroom (public or private school)

5 Look into opportunities for a bursary or grant

- Ontario ECE Grants www.ecegrants.on.ca

