

Forty Hour Course Options for

Child Care Assistants and Family Child Care Providers

There are many options available in Manitoba for Child Care Assistants (CCAs) and family child care providers to fulfill the 40-hour training requirement. CCAs are encouraged to consult with their directors to determine their learning needs. Family child care providers should choose a course that will best assist them in their work with children.

The following is a list of post-secondary institutions that offer early childhood education training as well as suggested courses.

A. Red River College

2055 Notre Dame Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3H 0J9
To register: Toll free: 1-800-903-7707
Web site: www.rrc.ca

Continuing Education,
Distance Education and on-line courses:
Phone: 694-1789 in Winnipeg
Toll free 1-866-242-7073
E-mail: cde@rrc.mb.ca

Suggested courses:

Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education

CCAs are responsible for interacting with children and working collaboratively with ECEs. This course provides an overview of ways to interact with children and to keep them healthy and safe. It will also introduce students to the emergent curriculum approach for early learning and child care.



Study of Human Development This course provides an overview of the ongoing process of human development from conception to death. Emphasis is placed on the child's development task and needs as part of a complex lifelong process. The course also focuses on objectively observing and recording children's behaviour and activities.

Interact with Children Through Play The focus is on the value of indoor and outdoor play for children and the importance of play in all aspects of the child's day. Both the theoretical aspects and the preschool application of play theory are emphasized. It also focuses on the ECE's role in encouraging children's play.



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Science of Early Childhood Development This interactive, on-line 40 hour course uses the Science of ECD content. It looks at how children's experiences affect their biological pathways, why people who work with children and families need to understand the science of ECD and how caregivers can affect the long term health and well-being of children and of an entire population.

To register, go to:
www.scienceofecd.com; or call 632-2160 in Winnipeg; or toll free 1-866-242-7073.

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B. Assiniboine Community College

1430 Victoria Avenue E
Brandon, MB R7A 1B6
Phone: 725-8701 in Brandon
Toll free: 1-800-862-6307

Distance Education for ECE courses:
Phone: 725-8700 ext. 6026 in Brandon
Toll free: 1-800-862-6307 ext. 6026 or 6699
Email: registrar@assiniboine.net
Web site: www.assiniboine.net

Suggested courses:

Overview of Early Childhood This course provides an overview early childhood education. Students are introduced to a variety of early childhood settings through five days of practical experience and course work. Comparisons are made between routines, schedules, activities and the role of staff within the settings. Influences on early childhood education outside of the setting are identified and described.

Curriculum Planning 1 ECEs require knowledge and ability to plan and provide activities that meet the child's developmental skill levels, needs and interests. They require skill in assessing and evaluating an activity's potential. In this course, students learn activity planning strategies and the planning form used throughout the diploma program curriculum.

Health, Nutrition and Safety 1 This course introduces students to the basic principles and practices of good health promotion, occupational health and illness prevention and management.

C. Ecole Technique et Professionnelle, College Universitaire de Saint-Boniface

200 Ave de la Cathedrale
Winnipeg, MB R2H 0H7
Phone: 233-0210 ext. 478 in Winnipeg
Toll free 1-888-233-5112 ext. 478
Web site: www.ustboniface.mb.ca

Suggested courses:

Éducation de la jeune enfance The Éducation de la jeune enfance program will be flexible to meet the individual needs of the CCAs interested in pursuing their training course at College universitaire de Saint-Boniface. The interested CCA will be able to take any course from the Éducation de la jeune enfance program that is suited to his or her educational needs or the general Introduction à l'éducation de la jeune enfance course.

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D. University College of the North

The Pas Campus
PO Box 3000, 436 – 7th Street
The Pas, MB R9A 1M7
Phone: 627-8500 ext. 8655 in The Pas
Toll free: 1-866-627-8500 ext. 8655
Evening courses: 627-8535 in The Pas
Web site: www.ucn.ca
Email: admissions@ucn.ca

Thompson Campus
504 Princeton Drive,
Thompson, MB R8N 0A5
Phone: 677-6450 in Thompson
Toll free: 1-866-677-6450
Evening courses: 677-6457 in Thompson
Web site: www.ucn.ca
Email: admissions@ucn.ca

Suggested courses:

ECE: A Beginning This course is an introduction to early childhood education purpose and practice. It provides students with basic knowledge of the essential areas of early childhood education. It also fulfills the requirements of the required 40 hour training course for all new family child care providers

E. Family Child Care Homes

Suggested courses:

Family Child Care This course provides students with knowledge of Infant, Toddler, Preschool and School Age development from birth to 12 years and strategies for working with these age groups in a family child care setting.

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F. Campus Manitoba

Campus Manitoba (CMB) is a virtual campus that gives students across the province access to post secondary education, through distance learning and online courses.

CMB instructors and staff co-ordinators provide support to students who take early childhood education courses through:

- Red River College
- Assiniboine Community College
- University College of the North

Toll free: 1-866-445-0063
E-mail: www.campusmanitoba.com

G. Other Post-Secondary Courses Completed Programs

Child care assistants who are working towards a university degree or college diploma at a publically funded, post-secondary institution, or who have already completed a program in a similar field during the past eight years, may qualify for the provincial 40 hour course requirement.

Examples of eligible courses include:

- Introduction to Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Child Development
- Observation and Recording
- Family Studies
- Conflict Resolution
- Interpersonal Communication

Examples of eligible programs include:

- Bachelor of Human Ecology
- Bachelor of Elementary Education
- Educational Assistant
- Health Care Aid
- Child and Youth Care

If there is a course that is not listed here then contact:

Manitoba Child Care Program
(Qualifications) for information.
Phone: 945- 6730 in Winnipeg
Toll free: 1-888-213-4754

H. Certificates from Provincial/ Territorial Regulatory Bodies Outside Manitoba

Certification to work in early learning and child care that has been received from another Canadian province or territory upon completion of training may satisfy Manitoba's 40 hour course requirement regulation.

To find out more:

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