

Early Childhood Educators

This fact sheet outlines how to become qualified to work as an early childhood educator in Manitoba.

The Manitoba Child Care Program oversees the operation of licensed child care in the province to ensure high quality care and education for children aged three months to 12 years.

A certain proportion of staff in infant, preschool and school-age centres must be trained in early childhood education and classified as Early Childhood Educators.

Working in Manitoba

All people working in licensed early learning and child care centres must apply to the Manitoba Child Care Program for classification. There is no charge for the classification process.

There are three levels of classification in Manitoba:

- Child Care Assistant
- Early Childhood Educator II
- Early Childhood Educator III

Once a person becomes employed, the centre will request a criminal record check and a child abuse registry check. All people working in licensed centres must also complete recognised first aid and CPR training.

Child Care Assistants

There are no education or training requirements to be classified as a Child Care Assistant (CCA) but all CCAs must complete 40 hours of approved child care training within the first year of employment in a licensed child care centre.

Early Childhood Educator (ECE) II and III

A diploma or a degree in early childhood education from a recognised post-secondary institution or a Competency Based Assessment Certificate from the Manitoba Child Care Program is required.

Assessment of diplomas or degrees from other provinces and countries is based on equivalency to approved ECE training programs in Manitoba. Previous work experience is not considered in the assessment.

When applying for an ECE II or III classification, applicants must submit:

- proof of identity
- original or certified copies of transcripts
- a syllabus (that is, description of courses studied)
- a completed application for classification form.

* If documents are not in English or French notarized translations are required.

Early Childhood Educator/Internationally Educated Qualifications Program

Individuals who have international education with an early childhood education focus may be eligible for this qualification assessment and recognition program when living in Manitoba. It takes approximately 16 weeks to complete and entitles the individual to an ECE II classification.

Competency Based Assessment / Prior Learning Assessment Program

Individuals with a completed degree or diploma in a related field and are employed in a licensed child care facility in Manitoba may be eligible for this program. It takes approximately 8 months to complete and entitles the individual to an ECE II classification.

The documentation requirements and assessment process detailed above are subject to change without notice.

For more detailed information about assessment and classification contact:

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