

Modified Prior Learning Assessment (MPLA) STREAM



What is the ECE II Assessment Program — MPLA Stream?

The MPLA stream is a self-directed assessment program that enables Child Care Assistants who meet specific post-secondary education qualifications and who are working directly with children in a licensed child care centre to earn a classification of Early Childhood Educator (ECE) II.

- MPLA participants receive guidance from a contracted content area advisor, as they demonstrate their skills, knowledge, and judgement according to required standards.
- Upon successful completion of the program, the participants earn an ECE II classification level as determined by The Community Child Care Standards Act and Manitoba Regulation 62/86.
- The length of the CBA program stream is approximately four to six months. The number and date of program intake periods varies per year.
- Assessment programs are different from training programs and do not provide participants with an educational credential.

Who is eligible to participate?

To be an eligible applicant, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Completion of a post-secondary certificate or diploma program specific to Early Childhood Education
- Completion of a post-secondary degree or diploma (minimum two years of study)
- A credentials assessment report, if education was completed internationally
- 60 hours of relevant professional development, current within two years
- Academic English writing skills and computer literacy skills, including Microsoft Word and email. An English benchmark of seven is recommended for this program
- Centre director/management support and the designation of a peer assessor, currently classified as an ECE II or III, who is able to mentor and work closely with the participant
- Current employment in a Manitoba child care centre of 20 or more hours per week working directly with children, that will continue for the duration of the program

What is required to be a successful participant?

To be successful in the MPLA stream, applicants must have:

- Prior knowledge of child development theory
- Strong organization and time management skills
- Strong sense of self-motivation
- Strong reading and academic writing skills (English benchmark of seven)
- A strong commitment to the ELCC profession
- A willingness and ability to invest significant time and energy to the CBA stream process
- A willingness and ability to pay costs related to learning aids, child development textbooks, and materials for a portfolio
- Support from the centre director, board of directors, and/or parent advisory committee in terms of on-site mentorship and assessment
- Ability to stay within regular contact with all members of the CBA participant support team for the duration of the program
- A willingness and ability to participate in continued professional development in the ELCC field
- Access to the internet and a computer, as well as possession of basic computer skills required to complete and submit assignments

What is involved?

- Complete the ECE II Assessment program application (section for MPLA) and submit it to ELCC Division.
- Attend the orientation session and portfolio development workshops and networking meetings online through a virtual meeting platform.
- Compile a portfolio according to the MPLA stream guidelines and competency standards outlining current skills and knowledge, with the guidance of an advisor.
- Make arrangements to be observed working with children, documented by a peer assessor and advisor at the centre.
- Complete assignments related to Child Development and current best practices.
- Meet target dates and follow the ethical commitments of the program.
- Address all identified learning gaps through a variety of potential methods, including college courses, professional development, or practicum.
- Attend a final assessment meeting in person or online through a virtual meeting platform.

For more information and to apply, contact:

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