



ECA Admission Requirements

Students applying for admission into the NACC ECA Program must meet the following requirements:

1. Grade 12 high school diploma in a college or university track (advanced level studies) from a Canadian high school. A copy of the high school transcript is required in addition to the diploma.
2. Mature student status: the college must follow the mature student definition as it is defined by the provincial Ministry regulating private career colleges. There must be a literacy test administered with a pass equivalent to grade 12. A copy of the high school transcript is required for students recently out of high school (i.e. enrollment date is within 5 years of leaving high school).
3. Foreign applicant: All foreign credentials must be translated into English (or French if applying to a college where the instruction is in French) and equivalent to grade 12 level in Canada.
4. All potential students from points two and three seeking admission into the NACC ECA program must pass a literacy test. The test administered must meet government standards for admission into post-secondary training where applicable. The passing score must be equivalent to grade 12 level.

The literacy test must test the student's ability to:

- Read and comprehend textbooks and other material as part of the program;
 - Understand and participate in the classroom (lecture, class presentation, discussion, etc.);
 - Write class assignments and tests, and
 - Understand and participate effectively at practicum sites.
5. A mathematical aptitude test is recommended for all potential students. Potential students must be scored at a grade 10 equivalent or higher.
 6. Fitness to complete all components of the program -Medical Certificate (Immunization Form) is required indicating that the student is fit to undertake the program and has up-to-date immunization.

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7. CPR and First Aid Certificates –Students must complete Standard First Aid and Basic Rescuer CPR prior to practicum placement. These certificates are in addition to the program hours and are to be copied and placed in the student’s file.
8. Police Check (Clearance) of Criminal Record – Must be produced within 30 days of starting the program. The Police Check must include a Vulnerable Sector Check. Individuals who have a criminal record are not able to participate in the practicum placement and therefore are unable to graduate from the program.
9. Interview – All potential students must complete an interview with the coordinator of the ECA program to ascertain their suitability to enter the early childcare field.
10. Two references related to employment or volunteer work completed in the early childcare field.