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Educational Assistant Programs Unveil Provincial Outcomes Document

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Celebrate with Alberta's Educational Assistant Certificate programs as they unveil the "Educational Assistant Learning Outcomes" document on May 6, 2008 across the Province.

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of ten of Alberta colleges, Educational Assistant Program coordinators this "Learning Outcomes" document has been created. Gone are the days of a skilled photocopy attendant and professional laminator. The certificated educational assistant offers an effective skill set including: theoretical background knowledge, courses in academic strategies for success, guidance of children's behaviour, working with children with exceptionalities and two hundred hours minimum of practicum experience. The outcomes are required to support all of Alberta's children with their various learning and social needs – in diverse educational settings. We celebrate this document and acknowledge the Educational Assistants who have achieved or strive to achieve the knowledge, skills and attitudes identified within.

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