

Part and Full Time 2025-2026

PROGRAM LENGTH: 10 months

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Would you like to be a positive influence in the lives of young people? Consider a career in early learning and child care. The Early Learning and Child Care Certificate program at Northern Lakes College will give you the training needed to work in this rewarding career. Individuals are trained to work with children from birth to twelve years of age in settings such as daycares, preschool or after-school programs, and private day homes. Graduates of the Early Learning and Child Care Certificate program will also develop the skills to work effectively with children with exceptionalities. Enroll today!

PROGRAM OF STUDY: TERM 1:	ELCC0100	Introduction to Early Learning and Child Care (3)
	CDEV0101	Child and Adolescent Development (3)
	ENGL1000	Introduction to English Language and Literature (3)
	EDAS0108	Introduction to Exceptionalities (3)
	ELCC0106	Practicum I (4)
TERM 2:	ELCC0102	Managing and Supporting Children's Behavior (3)
	ELCC0103	Learning Through Play (3)
	ELCC0104	Infant and Toddler Care (3)
	ELCC0105	Health, Nutrition and Safety (3)
	COMM1000	Interpersonal Communications for the Helping Profession (3)
TERM 3:	ELCC0107	Practicum II (6)

PROGRAM DELIVERY: This program is delivered online using Bongo and Brightspace. To learn more about Bongo and to experience using it, check out this guide: <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/public/download/files/220409> To learn more about D2L/Brightspace, check out this guide: <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/public/download/files/101449>

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Credit in English 30-1 or 60% in English 30-2, or credit in ENGL0190. Applicants without the requirements will be considered if they satisfactorily complete an ACCUPLACER assessment. If academic requirements are not met, you may complete an ACCUPLACER assessment. Contact accuplacer_exam_scheduling@northernlakescollege.ca to book your ACCUPLACER test or admissions@northernlakescollege.ca for other Accuplacer inquiries. Transcripts and documents from other provinces and certificate granting bodies will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Fluency in English: If English is your second language, present one of the following (testing completed within the last 2 years):
CLBA 8 with no score less than 7.
TOEFL Internet-based test score 84 (no section score below 21).
TOEFL paper-based test score 560 and TSE 50 / TOEFL computer-based score 220 and TSE 50.
TOEIC 730/790 and TSE 50.
IELTS 6.0 (no band scores below 6.0).
CAEL 60 (no subtest below 60).

NOTE: Practicum agencies may require an up-to-date Police Information Check (Vulnerable Sector) and an Alberta Children's Services Intervention Record Check of students placed in their organizations. The inability to present clear checks may prevent a student from completing the program requirements. Basic computer skills and reliable high speed internet connection are required. Contact the Program Coordinator for further information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: Graduates of the Early Learning and Child Care certificate program will qualify for Child Development Worker (Level 2) certification under the Alberta Child Care Licensing Regulation. Individuals are trained to work with children from birth to twelve years of age in settings such as daycares, preschool or after-school programs, and private day homes.

FURTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: Students may be able to transfer into Northern Lakes College's Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Diploma Program. Graduates of the ELCC Certificate program have 12 credits towards the Educational Assistant Program at Northern Lakes College. Graduates have 30 credits towards Athabasca University's Bachelor of Professional Arts, Human Services Major.

COST ESTIMATES: Note: All fees are subject to change.

	Tuition	Student Association	Technology	est. TOTAL
Term 1	\$2134.00	\$216.00	\$192.00	\$2,542.00
Term 2	\$2004.00	\$202.50	\$180.00	\$2,386.50
Term 3	\$780.00	\$81.00	\$72.00	\$933.00
				\$5,861.50

Supplies and other costs per course (not paid to NLC)

PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS: Northern Lakes College uses email to quickly contact students. Please ensure you provide an accurate email address where we can reach you.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS: Any location

Program Offering Dates

Term 1: September 2 – December 18, 2025

Term 2: January 2 – April 22, 2026

Term 3: May 1 – June 25, 2026

DEADLINES: Applications must be submitted **at least 4 weeks prior to the term start date**. Applications received with less than 4 weeks from the term start date will be processed for the next available start date. Payment and course registration forms are required at least 10 business days prior to the term start date. Applications are reviewed and accepted on a continuous basis. Space is limited in some courses and applications are accepted on a first qualified, first served basis. If funding is required, applicants are advised to apply early. There are two intakes per year into the full-time program. Students are able to start in September and January. There are three intakes per year into the part-time program. Students are able to apply in September, January, and May.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- **APPLICATION:** Complete the Northern Lakes College application (available on the college website www.northernlakescollege.ca). Follow: <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/apply-now/program-applications>
- **TRANSCRIPTS:** Provide official high school and/or post-secondary transcripts. These must be forwarded directly to Northern Lakes College, Admissions Services, from the granting institution (there may be a charge for this). When transcripts are received at NLC, they are reviewed to determine if the academic requirements for admission to the program are met.
- **ACADEMIC SKILLS APPRAISAL:** If transcripts are not available or do not show the academic requirements, applicants may complete the Academic Skills Appraisal for the English requirement. The College uses ACCUPLACER to assist in planning for course of studies.
- **ACCEPTANCE:** Applicants who meet the academic requirements will be accepted and offered a space in the next available offering of the program. In some cases, the spaces may be full and accepted applicants will be placed on a waitlist. These applicants will be accepted in the order of "first qualified, first served." Applicants will receive a letter informing them of their acceptance status. Acceptance to the program for prospective students with a Child Development Assistant Certificate (formally Level 1) from Alberta Human Services may be considered where a Memorandum of Understanding has been initiated.
- **FUNDING:** Applicants are encouraged to check on funding options early (minimum of 2 months prior to the program start date). Applicants should visit <http://studentaid.alberta.ca/> for loans, grants and provincial scholarships. For bursary information, please visit <http://nadc.ca/our-bursaries/>. Northern Lakes College also offers awards for our students. Specific awards related to this program include: CCEC Partnership Bursary, Roland Gladue Memorials Scholarship and the TransCanada Partnership Award. Please visit the Financial Aid, Scholarships and funding page <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/future-students/financial-aid-scholarships-and-funding> for more information.

- **REGISTRATION & COMMITMENT FEE:** Accepted applicants in all career programs will be required to complete registration forms within one month of receiving their acceptance letter. This registration includes a \$100.00 (domestic student) or \$5,000.00 (international student) Commitment fee deposit. This fee is **non-refundable & non-deferrable** and will be applied towards the terms' tuition. Applicants who do not pay their Commitment deposit within 4 weeks of acceptance may forfeit their seat in the program.
- **ORIENTATION:** Before the start date of the program, accepted applicants will receive information about registration dates, times, locations and other information to assist them in planning. **Students must attend Orientation** at one of the dates and locations supplied.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For any assistance, questions or concerns, the following college staff are available:

Program Coordinator: Heidi Panych 1-780-843-8325

email: panychh@northernlakescollege.ca

Questions about program content, course selection/transferability, employment opportunities for the program

Other Inquiries: Admissions Services 1-866-652-3456

email: admissions@northernlakescollege.ca

Including general inquiries about College services & programs; student housing, library, facilities