

Part Time and Full Time 2025-2026

PROGRAM LENGTH: 10 months - Students attending the program part time may start 3 times per year (September, January, and May). Students applying to the program full time may start 2 times per year (September and January).

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 diploma 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 Diploma program will develop the skills to work effectively with children with exceptionalities, and will be prepared for administrative and supervisory positions within the field. Enroll today!

PROGRAM OF STUDY: TERM 1:	ELDP0110	Music in Preschool Programs (3)
	ELDP0111	Planning Pre-School Programs (3)
	LDER0180	Leadership in Helping Professions (3)
	ETHI1000	Ethics in Helping Professions (3)
	ENGL2080	Survey of Literature for Younger Children (3)
	ELDP0113	Practicum 1 (4)
TERM 2:	INDG0115	Interdisciplinary Dimensions of Indigenous Issues in Canada (3)
	ELDP0107	Math and Science in Early Childhood Settings (3)
	ELDP0108	Language Development in Early Childhood Education (3)
	ELDP0109	Enhanced Preschool Play Experiences (3)
	ELDP0112	Administration in Early Childhood Settings (3)
TERM 3:	ELDP0114	Practicum 2 (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: Successful completion of a recognized Early Learning and Child Care post-secondary certificate program from an institution in Alberta. Transcripts from other provinces will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Successful completion of an Early Learning and Child Care Certificate Program offered in Alberta is preferred.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION: 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 means a student may not be able to complete the requirements of the program. Students are required to sign and submit a Police Information Check Declaration of Understanding form prior to the first day of classes. Contact the [Program Coordinator](#) for further information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: Graduates of the Early Learning and Child Care diploma program will qualify for Child Development Supervisor (Level 3) certification under the Alberta Child Care Licensing Regulation. Individuals are trained to work with children from birth to 12 years of age in settings such as daycares, pre-school or after-school programs, and private day-homes.

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

	Tuition	Student Association	Technology	est. TOTAL
Term 1	\$2656.00	\$256.50	\$228.00	\$3,140.50
Term 2	\$1995.00	\$202.50	\$180.00	\$2,377.50
Term 3	\$798.00	\$81.00	\$72.00	\$951.00
				\$6,469.00

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

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 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. There are 2 intakes per year into the full-time program. Students may start the program in September and January. There are 3 intakes per year into the part-time program. Students may start the program in September, January, and May.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- **APPLICATION:** Complete the Northern Lakes College application form (available on the college website): www.northernlakescollege.ca
- **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. ELCC certificate graduates from an out of province institution may have their transcripts reviewed for acceptance into the program.
- **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.
- **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.
- **PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESSES:** Northern Lakes College uses email to quickly contact students. If possible, please ensure you have provided an accurate email address where we can reach you.



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Early Learning &
Childcare Diploma**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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

Program Coordinator: **Jessica Cote 1-780-849-8687**

email: cotej@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

General inquiries about College services & programs; student housing, library, and facilities