



Information About Dual Credit Early Learning and Child Care Courses From Northern Lakes College

Why take dual credit Early Learning and Child Care courses?

1. Earn up to 61 high school credits plus credit toward the College credential.
2. Lower your workload in College. By reducing the number of courses you need for your Early Learning and Child Care program, you will have a lower workload in College.
3. Determine if the Early Learning and Child Care program interests you before enrolling in College.
4. Save money. Your high school may cover some costs. Check with your school to determine if they cover any expenses.
5. Qualify for a \$500 tuition bursary. Dual credit students who successfully complete qualify for tuition bursary if they continue their post-secondary education with Northern Lakes College.



Where is the program available?

The Early Learning and Child Care Program is available at any location.

When is the program available?

1. Summer – July 2 to August 23, 2024
2. Term 1 – Sept. 3 to Dec. 11, 2024
3. Term 2 – Jan. 6 to Apr. 18, 2025
4. Term 3 – May 1 to June 25, 2025

What prerequisites are needed to get into the program?

1. Grades 11 and 12 students can start the program, provided they have completed English 10-1 or 10-2. To complete the program, students must have English 30-1 (**credits**) or 30-2 (**60%**) as this is the prerequisite for ENGL1000 and COMM1000.

How difficult is the program?

1. The courses in this program are at the college level and, therefore, require a significant commitment on behalf of the student, the parent, the high school and the College. Therefore, you must be ready to dedicate yourself to the courses before applying.
2. Parents are encouraged to stay informed of their child's progress in the program via the high school.

Other things you need to know:

1. For the Early Learning and Child Care courses, students will follow the schedule laid out by the College, which may differ from the high school schedule. The schedule will be provided when you start the program.
2. There are eleven courses in the Early Learning and Child Care program offered at Northern Lakes College. All the courses can be taken by dual credit. Below is a list of all the courses in the program and the available terms.



Course Name	Term Available
CDEV0101 - Child & Adolescent Development ^{1,2}	Term 1
EDAS0108 - Introduction to Exceptionalities ¹	Term 1
ELCC0100 - Introduction to Early Learning and Child Care ²	Term 1
ELCC0106 - Practicum I ²	Term 1, 2 or 3
ENGL1000 - Introduction to English Language and Literature ¹	Summer, Term 1, 2 or 3
COMM1000 - Interpersonal Communications for the Helping Profession ¹	Summer, Term 1, 2 or 3
ELCC0102 - Managing and Supporting Children's Behavior ²	Term 2
ELCC0103 - Learning Through Play	Term 2
ELCC0104 - Infant and Toddler Care	Term 2
ELCC0105 - Health, Nutrition and Safety ²	Term 2
ELCC0107 - Practicum 2	Term 1, 2 or 3

1 - These courses transfer to different programs at the College.

2 - Recommended introductory courses

3. Students can take any number of courses by dual credit.
4. The ELCC0106 and 0107 courses are work practicums that will occur in a school or daycare close to you.
 - a. Travel to the practicum placement site is the responsibility of the student/parent.
 - b. The ELCC0106 Practicum I course is 150 hours, and ELCC0107 - Practicum 2 is 250 hours, so students must ensure they have the time in their high school schedule to go on their practicum placement.
 - c. Must be enrolled in at least one ELCC course to take ELCC0106 practicum 1 course.
5. Successful completion of the CDEV0101 Child & Adolescent Development course leads to certification as a Child Development Assistant, which is required to work at a licensed daycare program.
6. Given that the classes are available online, they can be worked on at any time, making it easier to fit these courses around your high school schedule.
7. 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 be unable to complete the program requirements.
8. For more information about a career in Early Learning and Child Care, check out the alis.alberta.ca website. You will find information on Early Learning Child Care and other careers under the 'information on occupations' tab.
9. Application deadline is six weeks before the course's start date. However, students are encouraged to apply early as the classes can fill up before the application deadline.