

The Practice of Early Childhood Education

The practice of early childhood education is the planning and delivery of inclusive play-based learning and care programs for children in order to promote the well-being and holistic development of children, and includes,

- The delivery of programs to pre-school children and school age children, including children with special needs;
- The assessment of the programs and of the progress of children in the programs;
- Communication with the parents or persons with legal custody of the children in the programs in order to improve the development of the children.



What does an early childhood educator do?

- Assesses children's developmental needs and stages in all developmental domains;
- Designs curriculum to address children's identified needs, stages of development and interests;
- Plans programs and environments for play and activities that help children make developmental progress;
- Maintains healthy emotional and social learning contexts for children; and
- Reports to parents and supervisors on children's developmental progress within healthy, safe nurturing and challenging play environments.

Where do an early childhood educators work?

Early childhood educators (ECE's) work in a variety of settings including, but not limited to: infant, toddler, and preschool programs, before and after school programs, kindergartens and primary grade classrooms; special educations and interventions programs, Ontario Early Years Centers, Head Start programs, family supports; home child care programs; parent/child/caregiver drop-in programs, pediatric playrooms and health care settings.

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