

Educational Assistant, Certificate

Educational Assistants support students as part of a multidisciplinary team with teachers and other support personnel to provide meaningful instruction. Educational assistants also help teachers with non-instructional tasks.

Educational assistants provide support for all students to be included in the class- room and school, implement lesson and behavioural plans for students as directed by the teacher, motivate and encourage students to participate in learning activities, assist students who have physical and personal care needs, administer oral tests or act as a scribe for students and support students to develop healthy relationships at school.

What you can be with your Educational Assistant, Certificate:

Educational Assistant #6472	Child and Youth Care Worker #4212	Community Disability Services Practitioner #4212	Early Childhood Educator #4214.1
Speech-Language Assistant #3235.5	Day Care Facility Attendant	Pre-School Teacher Assistant	Learning Program Assistant

Potential employers:

Early Intervention Programs	K-Grade 12 Public, Separate and Private Schools	After School Programs	Post-Secondary Institutions
Child Care Centres	Summer Camps and Day Programs	Libraries	Home Schooling Environments

This career/job listing is only a sample of the possible career options; these are certainly not the only career/job options accessible with this degree/diploma. Some of the careers listed require further education.

For career information, enter the four digit number listed below in the Alberta Learning Information Services Website (www.alis.alberta.ca) or the National Occupational Classification Website (<http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/>).

Major Skills Obtained from an Educational Assistant, Certificate

- Possess a repertoire of effective techniques and strategies that fosters positive behaviour change in the classroom
- Knowledge of the current trends and issues in special education
- Knowledge of psychological and behavioural characteristics
- Techniques involved in teaching persons with visual and hearing impairments, physical disabilities, communication disorders, anxiety disorders, disruptive behaviour disorders and mental health concerns
- Knowledge of the common characteristics of Autism and Asperger's Syndrome and different teaching strategies that encourage positive communication, social and behaviour skills
- Teaching strategies to assist teachers in Language Arts and Mathematics

RDC Career Services can help you explore your interests, identify your goals, discuss your career options and job search strategies and discover how to make the most of your education. Email or give us a call to connect with a career counsellor.

RDC Department Information: Educational Assistant, Certificate rdc.ab.ca/programs/education

Professional Associations and Sites of Interest

Canadian Child Care Federation - www.cccf-fcsge.ca
 Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada - www.ccaac.ca
 Childcare Canada - www.childcarecanada.org
 Early Learning and Childcare Quality - www.childcarequality.ca
 Child Care Resource and Referrals - www.childcareoptions.ca
 The Alberta Association for the Accreditation for Early Learning and Care Service - www.aelcs.ca
 Alberta Child Care Association - www.albertachildcare.org
 Red Deer College: www.rdc.ab.ca/Pages/default.aspx
 Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools: www.rdcrd.ab.ca/
 Red Deer Public School District: www.rdpsd.ab.ca/
 Chinooks Edge School Division: www.chinooksedge.ab.ca/
 Koinonia Christian Schools: www.koinoniaschools.com/
 Calgary Board of Education: www.cbe.ab.ca/
 Edmonton Public Schools: www.epsb.ca/
 Aspen View Public Schools: www.aspenview.org/do/
 Battle River School Division: www.brsd.ab.ca/Pages/default.aspx
 Black Gold Regional Division: www.blackgold.ca/
 Buffalo Trail Public Schools: www.btps.ca/
 Canadian Rockies Regional Division: www.crsd.ab.ca/
 Clearview Public Schools: www.clearview.ab.ca/
 Elk Island Public Schools: www.eips.ca/
 Foothills School Division: www.fsd38.ab.ca/
 Fort McMurray Public Schools District: www.fmpsdschools.ca/news/
 Fort Vermilion School Division: www.fvsd.ab.ca/Pages/default.aspx
 Golden Hills School Division: www.ghsd75.ca/
 Grande Prairie Public School District: www.gppsd.ab.ca/Pages/default.aspx
 Grande Yellowhead Public School Division: www.gypsd.ca/
 Grasslands Public Schools: www.grasslands.ab.ca/
 High Prairie School Division: www.hpsd48.ab.ca/pages/High_Prairie_School_Division
 Horizon School Division: www.horizon.ab.ca/
 Lethbridge School District: www.lethsdweb.lethsd.ab.ca/Pages/lshome.aspx

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