

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT

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Help students reach their full potential and maximize their school experience by stepping back into the classroom as an Educational Assistant. Whether you choose the one-year certificate or two-year diploma option, you'll get into the heart of this meaningful and rewarding career in our innovative, accessible and online Educational Assistant program.

We'll show you how your patience, creativity and understanding can make a difference in students' lives. You'll discover ways to assist students to increase learning, independence and positive behaviours. You'll also learn about the needs of students with disabilities and how you can assist all students in inclusive classroom settings.

Your Investment

Program fees will vary. To view fee information for your program, go to lethbridgecollege.ca/programs (<https://lethbridgecollege.ca/programs/>) and select your program.

Graduation

Upon successful completion of Year 1 requirements, students are awarded an Educational Assistant certificate.

Upon successful completion of Year 2 requirements, students are awarded an Educational Assistant diploma.

ADMISSIONS

New applicants are accepted into the Educational Assistant program for the Fall (September), Winter (January), or Spring (May) terms. Upon successful completion of your certificate program, you will be eligible for admission to the Educational Assistant diploma. In order to be considered for the diploma program, we recommend that you submit a Change of Program to the Admissions Office in your last term of study of the certificate program. If you have any questions about this process, please contact the Admissions Office.

General Admissions Requirements

All applicants must meet the general admission requirements for Lethbridge College programs, as indicated in the Admission section of this calendar.

Academic Requirements

Applicants applying to the Educational Assistant diploma are required to have successfully completed a one-year Educational Assistant certificate or equivalent from a recognized college in order to enter the Educational Assistant diploma program.

CURRICULUM

Note: All students should consult an Academic Advisor (403.320.3200) to create a schedule. Academic advising has program specific information for course order and program design. Certificate courses are offered multiple times per year. Diploma courses are timetabled so students can graduate in 12 months. Diploma courses may be taken in the Certificate year. For certificate students transferring in to the Educational Assistant

diploma, the educational assistant certificate must be from an accredited college.

Certificate

Course	Title	Credits
Year 1		
COM-1162	Interpersonal Relationships and Communications	3
EDU-1153	Foundations of Educational Assistance	3
EDU-1155	Math Instructional Support	3
EDU-1156	Language Arts Instructional Support	3
EDU-1162	Self-Regulation in the Classroom	3
EDU-1163	Observation and Assessment	3
EDU-1165	Applied Behaviour Analysis	3
Select 1 of the following:		3
ENG-1150	Composition	
ENG-1190	Introduction to Language and Literature	
FWK-1160	Field Placement I	1.5
FWK-1163	Field Placement II	1.5
HSP-1151	Family Systems and Development	3
PSY-1170	Human Development Across the Lifespan	3
SOC-2273	Multicultural Issues	3
Credits		36
Total Credits		36

Diploma

Course	Title	Credits
Year 2		
CPU-2253	Technology in Education	3
EDU-2250	Speech and Language Development	3
EDU-2252	Supporting English Language Learners	3
EDU-2254	Health Issues in Education	3
EDU-2258	Case Studies of Challenging Behaviour	3
EDU-2260	Positive Behavioral Supports	3
EDU-2266	Sensory Impairments	3
FWK-2260	Field Placement III	1.5
FWK-2262	Field Placement IV	1.5
HSP-2250	Functional Assessment	3
PSY-2250	Educational Psychology	3
Elective		3
Credits		33
Total Credits		33

Electives

Students may select from the following courses. Not all electives are offered every term and not all courses are available online. Other electives may be chosen with permission, prior to enrolment and completion of the course.

Course	Title	Credits
BLK-1151	Blackfoot Language I	3
ECE-1155	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE-1168	Children's Outdoor Play	3

ECE-2264	Pre-School Programming	3
ENG-2265	Indigenous Literature	3
ENG-2285	Children's Literature	3
INS-1155	Introduction to Indigenous Studies	3
PSY-1171	Child Growth and Development	3
PSY-1179	Adolescent Development	3
PSY-1191	The Developing Brain	3
PSY-2253	Child Psychopathology	3
PSY-2260	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSY-2277	Addictions Treatment	3
PSY-2280	Social Psychology	3
PSY-2290	Brain and Behaviour	3
SOC-1160	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC-2260	Social Problems	3
SOC-2276	Sexuality	3

PRACTICUM

Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) Pre-Placement Requirements

This program has a required Work-Integrated Learning Pre-Placement Requirements (WIL) component. The College dictates the legal terms and conditions governing the WIL.

Students must meet and maintain certain requirements to participate in the WIL setting as determined by programs, practice agencies and/or legislated by government bodies. These may include health (e.g. immunizations, screening tests, etc.), privacy and security (e.g. police information check, IT access, etc.), and OH&S requirements (e.g. CPR certification, Fire Safety, WHMIS, Mask Fit-testing, etc.).

Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) coverage - WIL placement agencies and employers usually require WCB coverage on behalf of the student. Students enrolled in post-secondary institutions in Alberta are deemed to be employees of the Province of Alberta and, as such, provided WCB coverage. In certain instances for students outside of Alberta, WCB coverage may not be provided (e.g. non-Alberta residents taking a course solely through distance learning with a WIL placement outside of Alberta). These students are advised to contact the program prior to application.

Students with disabilities who may require accommodations must schedule an appointment with Accessibility Services at Lethbridge College preferably upon acceptance to the program and no later than the Add/Drop deadline to identify potential impacts of their disabilities in the WIL setting. As part of this process, it may be necessary to collaborate with WIL supervisors to determine appropriate accommodations that do not compromise the health and safety of clients, essential placement requirements, or mandatory licensing processes. Failure to consult with Accessibility Services in a timely fashion may compromise the student's WIL placement and opportunities for success in the WIL setting.

In order to participate in a WIL, a student may be required to complete a Police Information Check or other type of Security Clearance to the satisfaction of Lethbridge College and the WIL organization. Completion of a WIL does not guarantee employment with a WIL organization. Many disciplines are provincially or otherwise regulated (e.g. health professions under Alberta's Health Professions Act); such regulation is beyond Lethbridge College's control. Completion of a WIL and graduation from

a certain program do not guarantee one's licensure or admission into a regulatory body. Prospective students are encouraged to consult with a representative of the relevant regulatory body if they have concerns.

WIL sites may include Lethbridge, surrounding rural communities, and may extend beyond these boundaries depending on WIL site availability and approvals. WILs may include day, evening, and/or weekend schedules. Students will be expected to travel to assigned sites and will be responsible for arranging travel and any associated costs.

TRANSFERS

Athabasca University

Graduates of Lethbridge College's Educational Assistant certificate program (one year) are eligible to receive up to 30 credits towards a Bachelor of Professional Arts in Human Services at Athabasca University. Graduates of Lethbridge College's Educational Assistant diploma program (two years) are eligible to receive up to 60 credits towards the third year of Athabasca University's Bachelor of Professional Arts in Human Services, Bachelor of Professional Arts in Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Professional Arts in Communication Studies, or Bachelor of Professional Arts in Governance, Law and Management.

University of Alberta

Educational Assistant diploma graduates from Lethbridge College are eligible to receive up to 30 credits towards the University of Alberta's Bachelor of Science Human Ecology (Family Ecology major/Child and Youth Studies major) at the University of Alberta. Applicants must present a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 in order to receive the maximum allowable credits.

CAREERS

When you complete the certificate or the diploma program, your expertise will be in high demand. You'll be able to find employment opportunities in:

- Elementary, Middle and High Schools
- Kindergartens and Preschools
- Alternative and Outreach Schools
- Before and After School Programs
- Private Agencies who Support Families with Children/youth with Disabilities or Behaviour Challenges
- Early Intervention Programs for Children at Risk
- School Lunch Programs
- Respite Care for Families
- Recreation and Community Centres
- Summer Camps and Summer Recreation Programs