

Grant Funded Employment Training  
**Child Care Assistant**



Graduates earn between  
**\$13.60 - \$17.00/hour**

**Program Start Dates: January, May, and September**

**Complete a Child Development Assistant (formerly Level One) Certificate  
in 32 or 48 weeks through Alberta Labour**

**Why Choose Columbia College?**

- Graduate faster and start working sooner
- Small class sizes
- Onsite daycare
- Training is grant funded
- Receive help with job search, cover letters, and interviewing
- Get connected to employers
- Individual and group tutoring sessions offered

Earn Certificates in:

- ⇒ Standard Child Care First Aid CPR/AED Level B
- ⇒ Food Safety
- ⇒ Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System



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Meet with an Admissions Advisor. No appointment required.

Walk-in hours are:

Monday - Thursday (8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.);

Friday (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.); Saturday (8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

Please visit our website for detailed program and admission information.



### **Introduction:**

This program is for individuals who want to work as Childcare Workers, Child Care Assistants or Lunch Room Supervisors in nursery schools, preschools, childcare centres, day homes, community centres or the Calgary Board of Education. Examples of jobs include: Day Care Worker, Day Home Provider, Early Childhood Instructor, and Early Childhood Educator.

### **Examples of Employers Who Have Hired Columbia's Graduates:**

- BrightPath
- Children's Choice Community Child Care Services
- Hawkwood Childcare Centre
- Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association
- Mini Miracles Daycare Ltd.
- Play N Learn Child Care Centre
- Tiny Tots Daycare & Preschool Inc.
- We Care Daycare & Out of School Care

### **How Long is the Program?**

- 32 or 48 weeks
- Monday to Friday
- 25 hours of class per week
- 16 weeks of Academic Upgrading (48 week program only)
- 27 weeks of Job Specific Skills
- 5 weeks of Work Experience

### **What are the Program Entry Requirements?**

- Canadian Language Benchmark CLB 4 or 5 (48 week program) or CLB 6+ (32 week program). Mathematics Grade 3 and above.
- Achieve satisfactory results on the Columbia College Assessment in Reading Comprehension, Writing, and Math.
- Successfully complete an entry interview to determine fit for the career and success in the program.
- Clear Police Information Check with Vulnerable Sector Search (before entering the program). Student is responsible for this cost (\$30).
- Clear Child Intervention Check (before entering the program). No cost.

### **What Will I Study?**

- **Becoming a Child Care Worker**
- **Respecting Cultural Diversity**
- **Understanding Aboriginal Children + Families**
- **Communicating Effectively**
- **Observing Young Children**
- **Physical Development of Young Children**
- **Intellectual Development of Young Children**
- **Language Development**
- **Social-Emotional Development**
- **Creative Development in Young Children**
- **Developing Through Play**
- **Providing for Play**
- **Nurturing Through Physical Routines**
- **Guiding Children's Behaviour**
- **Health, Safety, & Wellbeing of Children in a Child Care Program**
- **Together with Families**
- **Child Abuse, Family Violence, & Community Resources**
- **Becoming an Early Childhood Professional**

**Childcare Centre on site.**