



ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TRADES
ORDRE DES MÉTIERS DE L'ONTARIO

Trade Equivalency Assessment

Child Development Practitioner is a voluntary trade regulated by the [Ontario College of Trades and Apprenticeship Act, 2009](#). The Child Development Practitioner apprenticeship provides an alternate pathway to the traditional vocational training for Early Childhood Educators. Apprentices that complete their apprenticeship training and receive a Certificate of Apprenticeship from the [Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities](#) can choose to bridge towards an Early Childhood Education (ECE) diploma at a community college.

If your goal is to become a Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE) with the [College of Early Childhood Educators](#), please note the following:

- Ontario College of Trades Trade Equivalency Assessment applicants are not eligible to directly bridge to an Early Childhood Education college diploma.
- The Early Childhood Education diploma is a requirement for many positions in facilities regulated under the [Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014](#).
- Ratio requirements under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* require an Early Childhood Education designation.
- To be eligible to bridge to an Early Childhood Education college diploma, individuals must complete the Child Development Practitioner apprenticeship program and receive a Certificate of Apprenticeship issued by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities as well as set bridging courses required by the community colleges delivering the apprenticeship program. More information on the pathway to becoming a Registered Childhood Educator in Ontario can be found [here](#).

For information about the eligibility criteria to become a Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE) with the College of Early Childhood Educators, please visit www.college-ece.ca.

Child Development Practitioners can work in some aspects of the childcare sector without bridging to an Early Childhood Education college diploma. To complete the Trade Equivalency Assessment for the Child Development Practitioner trade, please refer to the [Trade Equivalency Assessment Application Guide](#) and complete the [Trade Equivalency Assessment and Membership Application](#).