



Child Care Services Certification

Summer 2022

AECENL WELCOMES NEW STAFF!

AECENL is excited to announce that they have hired three new staff!

Sandy Gow has taken on the role of the **Professional Learning Coordinator** and will be managing AECENLs PL initiatives

Renee Harding is our new **Orientation Course and Online Specialist** who will be delivering and assessing our orientation courses for certification

Michelle Folkes Greening is the **Registrar's Assistant** who will be helping the Registrar with administration associated with processing certification.

FYI - AECENL members has access to registration information first

SAVE THE DATE!

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER
15TH, 2022**

8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM

**AECENL's Hybrid (in-person and
livestream) 30th Annual Provincial
Conference is FREE this year!!!!**

Conference Brochure coming out in September!

This PL Initiative is funded by the Federal Government and Provincial Government under the ELCC Action Plan

Through funding from the Federal Government and Provincial Government under the ELCC Action Plan AECENL has obtained a provincial licence where all residents of NL can access free resources from the Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD).



The Science of Early Child Development (SECD) Resources Newfoundland and Labrador access supports your work with children and families

SECD brings early childhood development research and concepts to life with hundreds of readings, videos, links, questions for reflection, and interactive activities. From the latest research into babies' brain development and the impact of early experience on well-being, to topics such as child rights, literacy, and the importance of play, SECD explores how nature and nurture interact from conception on to construct a foundation for development. Included in the resources are excerpts and video clips from world renowned experts in the field of early learning and child development such as Dr. Stuart Shanker, Dr. Jean Clinton, and the late Dr. Clyde Hertzman.

Now province-wide access to SECD resources is free in Newfoundland and Labrador to two online “living textbooks” (SECD - North American and Introductory Editions) and three additional modules (Child Development Primer in English and French and Prenatal Development Module).

NL access means that you can now explore all these modules independently and adapt them to your own needs. Each module includes an overview of the topic, as well as relevant research and links to practice. AECENL will be announcing in the near future ways of how you can use these resources to obtain professional learning hours.

To access SECD resources in Newfoundland and Labrador, go to: nl.scienceofecd.com.

Indigenous Cultural Diversity Training FREE for those who hold Child Care Services Certification

AECENL has partnered with First Light to offer their Indigenous Cultural Diversity Training program via webinar for free to those who hold Child Care Services Certification (a savings of \$55). This PL Initiative is funded by the Federal Government and Provincial Government under the ELCC Action Plan.

Through First Light’s Indigenous Cultural Diversity Training you will learn about the Indigenous groups in our province, our history, and how that information can be beneficial to our community as a whole. It is important that we not only learn about the cultural differences that we may see across different groups and understand the history behind them but that we examine each learner’s own culture and how that impacts our everyday lives. The sessions are provided in a safe space, meant for individuals and groups to come together, and gain Indigenous knowledge, enhance self-awareness. **These sessions will be repeated on a monthly basis and will be offered each month over the next year.**

Stay tuned for when they will be offered this fall!

FREE Early Childhood Learning Framework Orientation Workshop Series



The orientation of the Department of Education's Early Childhood Learning Framework is delivered as four free online workshops (4 PL hours in total) with each workshop based on one of the framework's four main goals for early childhood learning. The four goals are:

- Goal One - Wellbeing and Belonging
- Goal Two - Communication
- Goal Three - Play and Exploration
- Goal Four - Social Responsibility

To participate in the online workshop series you will need to register by completing the online workshop registration form: <https://aecenl.ca/index.php/professional-development/ecl-framework>) It is recommended that you read the ECL Framework prior to completing the online workshops.

To access the Early Childhood Learning Framework, click here:
<https://www.gov.nl.ca/eecd/files/Early-Learning-Framework.pdf>

UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FROM AECENL

Mark your Calendars and stay tuned for registration information!

FYI - AECENL members has access to registration information first and receive either free or reduced process for PL

Monday October 3rd, 2022 at 7:00pm Know Your Rights at Work!

Webinar is presented by The Workers' Action Network of NL. There are basic standards of employment conditions that your employers must provide you in Newfoundland and Labrador. Register to learn more about your rights and learn ways to address specific workplace issues.

Wednesday November 2nd, 2022 7:00-9:00pm Early Childhood Sign Language to Enhance Behaviour Through Social-Emotional Learning

Webinar is presented by Time to Sign. Participants will learn how to implement social and emotional learning (SEL) through the use of sign language, stories, activities, and songs to augment their children's SEL and enhance classroom behavior through a positive, preventative, and effective instruction. A DropBox link will be provided with eBooks, video links and printable resources for continued learning.

January 26-Feb 15 2023 Preventing disruptive behaviours in the early years (12 hrs. PL)

Online course is presented by SECD and Red River College- The workshop includes information on types of disruptive behaviours, how to manage these behaviours, and the role adults and the learning environment play in promoting optimal socialization (Intermediate). Developed in partnership with the Centre of Excellence on Early Childhood Development.

Tuesday February 21st, 2023 7:00-9:00 PM - Dis is Wat it Mus Be Like! - Learning Disabilities From the Inside Out!

Webinar is presented by Simmy Zaret - This workshop will provide a concrete overview of some of the most common learning challenges face by so many children in our day care programs today. Through a variety of intriguing interactive activities, you will experience what it is like to have a learning disability of your own! As well, we will look at a wide range of strategies, accommodations and alternative approaches that can be used, in order to build a child's self-esteem, demystify their struggles, and maximize opportunities for social and academic success.

INFORMATION ABOUT WEBINAR PL DOCUMENTATION

To ensure that a webinar will be eligible for PL hours, documentation that confirms the participant's registration and completion of the webinar is required. The documentation needs to include the participant's name, host or facilitator's name, topic covered (topic must be child care related), time and date of the workshop. This documentation can be found in the participant's registration confirmation email and the "thank-you" for participating email that is sent before and after the webinar. These two emails need to be printed and saved as documentation. Sometimes a webinar will issue a PL certificate, we do not accept them as original PL documentation.

If you are not able to watch the webinar after registering because of the time of day or for other reasons some organizations will send a "sorry you missed the webinar" e-mail that includes a link to the webinar recording. In order to have a recorded webinar be counted as PL you are still required to register for the upcoming webinar. You will need to print the registration confirmation e-mail, along with printing the "sorry you missed the event" e-mail and then print the PL certificate that is available after watching the recording (it is the only time a webinar PL certificate is accepted). The reason for not accepting the PL certificate on its own is because in the past people have printed extra copies of the certificate and shared the PL certificate with other people who had not viewed the webinar.

Did you know...

Financial Resources for Early Childhood Educators and Child Care Providers

Currently the Department of Education is offering various financial incentives to encourage individuals to join the early learning and child care (ELCC) sector..

Highlights (details and links are provided below):

- Those who hold Trainee Level Certification can be eligible to receive **\$250** for each successfully completed ECE post-secondary course towards their ECE Certificate and upgrading to Level One Certification.
- Those upgrading through the ECE distance education program may be eligible to receive up to **\$2500** for completing their field placement on-campus at the demonstration centres.
- Graduates of an ECE Diploma program (full-time or through distance) may be eligible to receive up to **\$7,500** for the purpose of reducing student debt.
- Early Childhood Education Needs-Based Incentive Grant will provide eligible students in approved programs with non-repayable grants of up to **\$10,000**. Students who apply and qualify for the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Student Financial Assistance Program, and who have assessed unmet financial need of at least \$100 under that program, will qualify automatically for the new grant without requiring a separate application.

Early Childhood Education (ECE) Trainee Bursary Program- Education assessed by AECENL and administered by the Department of Education.

The purpose of the ECE Trainee Bursary Program is to provide support to Trainee (Entry) Level Caregivers who are taking required ECE courses through distance or online delivery from a provincially recognized post-secondary Early Childhood Education program to upgrade their certification level to Level 1. The Department of Education will provide **\$250** per successfully completed required post-secondary ECE certificate course to Trainee (Entry) Level child care practitioners who are upgrading to Level I certification.

Policies for the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Trainee Bursary Program can be found here: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/files/ELCD-ECE-Trainee-Bursary-Policy-Final-2021-1.pdf>

Early Childhood Education (ECE) On-Campus Field Placement Bursary Program -
Administered by the Department of Education

The intent of the ECE On-Campus Field Placement Bursary is to help reduce financial barriers by providing financial assistance to candidates who have successfully completed a required-on campus field placement at a College of the North Atlantic campus as a part of the ECE distance education program. The bursary is available to those who meet the criteria set by the Department of Education. The Department of Education will provide **up to \$2,500** to ECE students who are required to attend the on-campus field placement.

Policies for the Early Childhood Education (ECE) On-Campus Field Placement Bursary Program can be found here: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/files/ELCD-ECE-On-Campus-Field-Placement-Policy-Final-2021.pdf>

Early Childhood Education Graduate Bursary Program - Administered by the Department of Education

The intent of the ECE Graduate Bursary Program is to provide assistance to candidates who have obtained a diploma in Early Childhood Education through a recognized post-secondary institution in Newfoundland and Labrador. Bursaries are available to graduates who meet the criteria set by the Department of Education. In return, bursary recipients must commit to work in a regulated child care service in this province for three years after graduation. The Department Education will provide **up to \$7,500** to graduates of an ECE Diploma program, for the purpose of reducing student debt.

Policies for the Early Childhood Education Graduate Bursary Program can be found here: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/files/ECE-Graduate-Bursary-Policy-Final-2021.pdf>



Become an AECENL Member!!!!



AECENL is affiliated with the Canadian Child Care Federation (CCCCF). As a member of AECENL you will benefit from becoming a member of both a provincial and a national association for one low membership fee. This affiliation makes us 10,000+ members strong!

Benefits of membership include:

- one hour of PL towards the requirements for certification
- coupon for a free AECENL online workshop
- email notifications of upcoming PL events which means first dibs on registration
- automatic membership in the Canadian Child Care Federation (CCCCF) which gives you access to their quarterly journal Interaction and other CCCC publications.
- reduced rates to the annual AECENL provincial and regional conferences
- reduced rates at CCCC conferences
- free or reduced rates for AECENL workshops and access to resources
- discounts at Michael's, Grand & Toy, Mastermind, and Magenta Insurance
- membership in Perkopolis, a website that provides discounts on a wide variety of goods and services.



AECENL Membership Application

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ (daytime) _____ (cell/other) Email: _____

Membership

AECENL has a dual membership with the Canadian Child Care Federation. *Memberships are valid from **October 1st** to **September 30th** annually. If you are joining after April 30th your membership will be valid until September 30th of the next calendar year.*

_____ **ECE Membership \$50** – Certificate, Diploma, or Degree in Early Childhood Education. (Level I to IV Certification).

_____ **ECE Full-Time Student Membership \$1** – Early Childhood Education Student - a student currently enrolled full-time in a provincially recognized program of study in Early Childhood Education. **Verification of Post-Secondary enrollment is required (A copy of acceptance letter or valid student ID card)**

_____ **ECE Part-Time Student Membership \$25** – Early Childhood Education Student - a student currently enrolled part-time in a provincially recognized program of study in Early Childhood Education. **Verification of Post-Secondary enrollment is required (A copy of acceptance letter or valid student ID card)**

_____ **Associate Membership \$50 (Individual) \$85 (Organization)** – Individual/Organization upholding the goals and objectives of AECENL but not directly providing child care services under the *Child Care Act 2017*.

_____ **Child Care Practitioner \$50** – Person working in a child care setting other than ECE as outlined above. (Ex: Trainee Level, Support Worker...)

Agreement and Signature

I/We support the goals and objectives of AECENL as outlined in the membership brochure/online. I have enclosed a cheque/money order/e-money transfer for the fees indicated. *If you are paying by e-transfer (EMT) please use the email admin@aecenl.ca and when prompted for a password use "aecenl". When doing this option you can send your registration form via email with photo of the form (as long as it is in full view), or by fax, (877) 579-0217.*

In signing this document you are giving permission for AECENL to send you individual emails pertaining to updates, ECE events, workshops and webinars.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Membership Number: _____

AMOUNT Paid: \$ _____

Fee Paid: No Yes
 Cash Cheque # _____ Money Order E-transfer

Fee paid by: Applicant Organization _____
 Other _____



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Association of Early Childhood Educators of Newfoundland & Labrador (AECENL) is a non-profit organization dedicated to professionalism in Early Childhood Education (ECE) and to quality child care and education for young children. AECENL has been representing the issues of child care practitioners and quality child care since its incorporation in 1989.

Our objectives are:

- To promote a sense of pride in and commitment to the profession of Early Childhood Education.
- To provide awareness of what constitutes quality care and education for children.
- To inform parents, the community, and policy makers of the value of Early Childhood Education.
- To be a strong voice for quality child care and education on behalf of children and their families.
- To provide a forum for discussion of issues pertaining to the well-being of children.
- To facilitate communication of issues related to the profession.
- To provide ongoing professional development.
- To advocate for improved wages and working conditions for Early Childhood Educators.
- To encourage the development of, and provide support for regional branches.
- To liaise with other related organizations.

AECENL's membership year is October 1st to September 30th.

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Benefits of your dual membership include:

- one hour of PL towards the requirements for certification
- discounts at Michael's (15%), Mastermind (10%), Grand & Toy (60%), School Specialty and Kinetic GPO (22% and free shipping on orders over \$200, 10% on furniture) and Magenta Insurance.
- membership in Perkopolis, a website that provides discounts on a wide variety of goods and services
- coupon for one free AECENL online workshop
- reduced rates to the annual AECENL conference and any CCCF conferences
- free (or reduced rates) for workshops and social events
- e-mail notifications of upcoming PL opportunities. AECENL PL events information is sent to members before being sent out to public
- Correspondence and news from AECENL's as well as the CCCF Interaction magazine and other CCCF publications
- access to website "members only" section and other resources through AECENL's office

As a member you can join one of AECENL's committees ... run for election to your provincial Board of Directors ... together we will help each other reach the goal of professionalism and improved working conditions for Early Childhood Educators and quality child care services for children.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Hours

8:30 - 4:30 Monday through Friday (summer hours 8:30-4:00 Mon-Fri. to September 9th) - By appointment outside these hours