

ECE ESSENTIALS COURSE

Unlock Your Potential: Enroll today and embark on a transformative journey towards professional excellence.

CDRCP is pleased to announce the launch of the new course titled "ECE Essentials" starting from September 2023.

✱ **Is this course for you?**

This course is for the existing and emerging early childhood workforce.

✱ **How can this course help you?**

The course is designed to provide the necessary fundamental tools and strategies for success in the early childhood career.

✱ **How is the course delivered?**

All sessions are delivered by subject matter experts as pre-recorded videos and/or live sessions. They cover a range of topics that include, but are not limited to, child development, effective practices, pedagogy, inclusion, professionalism, and more.

Join us and learn the key concepts and enhance your skills by participating in discussions, exploring different resources, engaging in reflective activities, and more!

**11 WEEK COURSE
STARTING FROM
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

REGISTER NOW!

Registration Deadline:
Friday, September 8, 2023

Pricing:

Raising the Bar Programs in Peel:
\$100
Licensed Child Care and Early
Years' Programs in Peel:
\$150
Other / Individual(s) working
outside Peel Region:
\$200

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a Transformative Journey Towards
Professional Excellence**

September 12th, 2023 - November 28th, 2023

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ECE Essentials Course

Are you ready to fast-track your career advancement and enhance your learning experience? The ECE Essentials Course is designed to provide you with the tools, knowledge, and insights you need to thrive in your professional endeavors.

Course Highlights

Duration: 11 weeks of learning and growth

Delivery: Online with video lectures, in-person sessions, and interactive group discussions

Instructors: Subject matter experts

Support: Dedicated support team to assist you throughout the course

Enrollment: Limited seats to ensure personalized attention and quality interactions

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Register Now!

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Course Description

CDRCP is offering an ECE Essentials Course to provide our current and emerging Early Childhood workforce with the necessary and fundamental tools and strategies for success. This 11-week course will commence from September through to November.

The weekly sessions are delivered by subject matter experts in the field and cover a range of topics that include, but are not limited to: child development, effective practices, pedagogy, inclusion, professionalism and more.

Program Structure

In this course, participants will learn key concepts, contribute to discussions, explore videos and resources, engage in reflective activities and consider their own experiences. The content is comprised of both theory and practical components and is offered in various modes of learning (i.e., virtual live, pre-recorded, in-person).

All sessions will include application, visuals/examples, and handouts with key information and additional resources.

Participants who successfully complete the 11-week course in full, will receive a certificate via mail to acknowledge their achievement.



Weekly Session Details

1

Theoretical Fundamentals of Child Development

Format: Pre-Recorded

In the first session of this course, participants will explore the theory fundamentals of child development (Infant-Toddler, Pre-school, Kindergarten, and School-age), as a framework for understanding children's behaviours. We will explore a variety of developmental theories, deepen our understanding of childhood development, and engage in reflective practices to enhance the view of the child.

Pre-Recorded Available to View: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Presenter: Christine Zupo, University of Guelph-Humber

**This session is a pre-recorded webinar; registrants will be provided the access link to view on their own time - please ensure you view the webinar prior to Session 2 on September 19th.*

2

Supervising Children 101

Format: Virtual Live

This live session will outline the educator's role in supervision. Key points on positioning for safety, environmental scans, safe set-up, appropriate ratios and visual cues will all be discussed. There will be opportunities for participation and group discussion.

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Time: 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Presenter: Susie Beghin, Alpha's Discovery Kids



Weekly Session Details

3

Schedules, Routines, Transitions, Cleaning & Sanitation

Format: Virtual Live

In Week 3, we will uncover the importance of structured schedules, discuss the educator's role in routines, learn how to create smooth transitions, and utilize effective small-grouping techniques. We will discuss the timing and importance of sanitization and master the art of proactive leadership for seamless classroom flow. Participants will learn how to anticipate situations as they arise and discuss problem-solving techniques to set up for success. Come ready to discuss common challenges and problem-solving solutions through discussion format.

Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Time: 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Presenter: Carla Ward, Early Learning Foundations

4

Adult-Child Interactions

Format: 2 Part - Pre-Recorded & In-Person

In Week 4, participants will learn what it means to become a play partner to engage as a facilitator of learning. Learn ways to be authentic and intentional when fostering connections with children in your care. Participants will discover how to leverage the materials in the room to authentically engage children in play. During Part 2, educators will come together in person and be provided the opportunity to implement theory and strategies into practice. This content will include scenarios and discussions to deepen understanding and there will be an opportunity for Q&A and sharing.

Pre-Recorded Available to View: Week of October 2, 2023

Date of In-Person: Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 6:30pm - 8:30pm at 75 Watline Ave Unit #103, Mississauga L4Z 3E5

Presenter: Susie Beghin, Alpha's Discovery Kids

**This session is 2 parts; registrants will be provided the access link to view the pre-recorded session on their own time – please ensure you view it prior to the in-person session on October 3rd to maximize learning outcomes.*



Weekly Session Details

5

Understanding Observation & Documentation: From Theory to Practice

Format: 2 Part - Pre-Recorded & Virtual Live

In Week 5, we will delve into the theory of pedagogical approaches to gain a deeper appreciation for the practice. Part 1 will explore the history and evolution of observation and documentation and we will uncover valuable insights into children's interests and strengths. In Part 2, participants will come away with prompts and invitations that they can implement to enhance their practice. Learn strategies for putting theory into practice and gain understanding on authentic pedagogical documentation.

Pre-Recorded Available to View: Week of October 9, 2023

Date of Webinar: Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Presenter: Dr. Diane Kashin, Dr. Diane Kashin Inc.

6

Environment as Third Teacher & Program Planning

Format: In-Person Site Tour

In this in-person site-tour session, educators will explore the benefits of embracing the classroom as the Third Teacher in their program. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the importance of classroom set-up and designing a successful learning environment, with a focus on learning areas and material displays. Participants will be shown the importance of creating inclusive spaces for all learners, as we look to ELECT and "*How Does Learning Happen?*" to explore program planning.

Date: October 18, 2023

Time & Location: 6:30pm - 8:30pm, Mississauga Civic Centre Child Care Centre (300 City Centre Dr, Mississauga L5B 3C9)

Presenter: Dona Carlucci, Mississauga Civic Centre Child Care Centre



Weekly Session Details

7

Effective Communication with Families & Professionalism

Format: Pre-Recorded

As we delve into the heart and essence of professionalism in Early Childhood Education, participants will discover the art of nurturing family connections through impactful communication. You will master the art of a Professional Portfolio and uncover how centre policies become support pillars. After this week, participants will feel confident in mastering both classroom excellence and professional finesse, gaining insights that will transform their practice.

Pre-Recorded Available to View: Week of October 24, 2023

Presenter: Carla Ward, Early Learning Foundations

**This session is a pre-recorded webinar; registrants will be provided the access link to view on their own time – please ensure you view it prior to week eight's live virtual session on November 2nd.*

8

Collaborative Approaches in ECE

Format: Virtual Live

In Week 8, educators will recognize the importance of building a strong team dynamic to support each other, their programs, as well as the children and families in their centres. Focusing on practical ways you and your team can empower one another, building trust and creating a dynamic that will ensure your program runs smoothly. We will also problem-solve real-life scenarios, helping to find your voice when communicating with team members.

Date: Thursday, November 2, 2023

Time: 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Presenter: Tina Geers, Inspired Minds ECC Consulting Inc.



Weekly Session Details

9

Supporting All Children's Needs

Format: Pre-Recorded

This webinar will provide research, resources, and interventions that can be implemented in early learning settings to support all children regardless of their development, strengths and needs. The content will examine inclusive materials, environments, relationships, play experiences and language. This presentation will also provide insight into the role of the early childhood professional in collaborating with PIRS Resource Consultants (Peel Inclusion Resource Specialists) to support all children and their families.

Date: Week of November 7, 2023

Presenter: Elena Merenda, Children's Healing Studio Ltd.

**This session is a pre-recorded webinar; registrants will be provided the access link to view on their own time – please ensure you view it prior to the live virtual session on November 14th.*



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Weekly Session Details

10

Behaviour Guidance Strategies

Format: 2-Part - Pre-Recorded & Virtual Live

In Part 1 of Week 10, we will explore the connections between children's behaviours and development. Learn individual styles of temperament, as well as the parallel of environment and "goodness of fit". Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the reasons behind behaviours and how to prevent and respond to challenging behaviour. During the live session, participants become equipped with practical tips and strategies that will build positive relationships and foster a sense of belonging for all children. Opportunities to work through real-life scenarios and engage in discussions will be provided.

Pre-Recorded Available to View: Week of November 13, 2023

Date of Webinar: Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Presenter: Christine Zupo, University of Guelph-Humber

**This session is 2 parts; registrants will be provided the access link to view the pre-recorded session on their own time – please ensure you view it prior to the virtual live session on November 14th, to maximize learning outcomes.*



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Weekly Session Details

11

The Role of the Educator, Taking Care of Yourself

Format: Virtual Live

During the final course week, we will discuss fostering pride for the ECE sector, how you can advocate for yourself as an educator and develop into a lifelong learner. Self-care strategies and stress management are at the forefront, as they are the key to success in your role long-term. Looking at how to avoid burnout, strategies for continuous motivation and seeking professional support will be explored. After this final week is completed, you will feel motivated to bring your 'best-self' to work each day.

Date: Thursday, November 23, 2023

Time: 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Presenter: Tina Geers, Inspired Minds ECC Consulting Inc.

12

The Role of the Leader – Walking Side by Side (Intended for Supervisors)

Format: Virtual Live

This BONUS session of the ECE Essentials Course is intended for Supervisors/Managers/Owners/Licensees/Operators, as we examine your role in supporting educators in your centres. As new professionals in the sector, educators will be seeking a sense of belonging in their place of work. How will you train and mentor? What strategies can you use to establish expectations, while simultaneously creating an environment of support? We will delve into your vital role in creating a nurturing environment for staff and setting your centre up for success.

Date: November 29, 2023

Time: 10:00am - 11:30am

Presenter: Dona Carlucci, Mississauga Civic Centre Child Care Centre

**In addition to the live session, an additional pre-recorded webinar will also be provided on the topic of Recruitment and Retention, to further support hiring and retaining educators for your centre.*



Meet the Presenters

Christine Zupo

Christine Zupo is a professor at the University of Guelph-Humber and Humber College in the Early Childhood degree/diploma and Electives programs, bringing over 35 years of experience working with young children and families in a variety of Early Learning and Care settings.

Christine has been teaching post-secondary education for over 20 years. She holds a Master of Arts degree and is a passionate advocate for social justice issues, and carries a strong commitment to promoting Truth and Reconciliation in education with consultation from surrounding Indigenous communities.



Carla Ward

Carla Ward is an Early Childhood Educator and the founder of Early Learning Foundations, a business dedicated to education and enhancing the work of Early Childhood Educators. She has held various roles in education for over 18 years. Carla is a certified Wunder-Led educator who brings a sense of wonder and passion into every aspect of her business, from hosting 'The Everything ECE Podcast' to workshop development to digital course creation and running an online tutoring business. Carla loves to share actionable and inspiring ideas with fellow educators in and out of the classroom to help support professional practices in Early Childhood Education.



Meet the Presenters

Diane Kashin

Diane Kashin is a retired professor who taught early childhood education at both the degree and the diploma level for over 30 years. With a Bachelor of Honors Degree from York University and an Early Childhood Education Diploma from Seneca College, Diane went on to earn a master's and doctorate degree from the University of Toronto. Diane's doctoral thesis on emergent curriculum was published in 2008 and she has co-written three ECE textbooks. Diane has presented webinars, workshops, and keynote addresses in Ontario, across Canada and internationally.



Dona Carlucci

Dona Carlucci is an Early Childhood Educator, a part-time faculty member of the Sheridan Institute of Technology – ECE program, and the supervisor of the Mississauga Civic Centre Child Care Centre. She has held various roles throughout her career related to early childhood care, as well as a passion for mentoring staff, coaching other supervisors and being an active member of Professional Learning Committees.



Meet the Presenters

Elena Merenda

Dr. Elena Merenda is the owner and sole consultant at Children's Healing Studio Ltd. She has more than 15 years of experience in early learning and therapeutic settings. Her background is in early childhood education, with specific expertise in therapeutic play and supporting families with children who have special needs, including terminal illness, grief, and diagnosed disabilities.



Susie Beghin

Susie Beghin is a RECE author, speaker, and founder of Alpha's Discovery Kids. Susie is passionate about educating young children, parents, and early childhood educators! She founded Alpha's Discovery Kids in 2012, a daycare and preschool dedicated to providing quality education and a positive learning environment.



Meet the Presenters

Tina Geers

Tina Geers is a passionate early childhood educator who enjoys sharing her knowledge, stories, and past experiences with other educators. As an early childhood teacher, consultant, coach, and workshop facilitator, with nearly 20 years of experience, Tina strives to inspire, support, and guide other educators as they embark on their early learning journey. Tina is the founder and president of the AECPCN (Alberta Early Childhood Play Connection Network), where she promotes the importance of play for children and educators and provides a network to share her passion with others in the sector.



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EARLY CHILDHOOD ESSENTIALS Course

Registration Form

Please fill out this form to register for the ECE Essentials Course (September – November 2023).

Ensure all fields are completed in full, as incomplete forms will cause delays in processing the registration. Completed forms must be sent to training@cdrpc.com.

*Note: The registration form and non-refundable payment deadline is Friday, September 8th, 2023.
Payments must be received with the registration form.*

Name:

(Please print your name as you would like it to appear on your certificate)

Agency:

Address:

City:

Postal Code:

Day Time Phone Number:

Other Phone Number:

E-Mail Address:

Course Fee Schedule:

RTBP Participant: \$100.00

Licensed Childcare and Early Years Programs: \$150

Other: \$200

Payment Method: VISA/ MasterCard/ cheque/ money order payable to CDRCP

Credit Card #:

Exp. Date:

CVV:

Card Holder's Name:

Signature:

*I acknowledge that some sessions may be recorded for training and quality purposes.
Recordings will not be circulated outside of the organization.*

Thank you for registering for the ECE Essentials Course.