

(EA) EDUCATION ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The EDUCATION ASSISTANT (E.A.) program prepares students for a variety of careers in schools, institutions and other workplace settings. Education Assistants (EA's) provide basic life skills and academic support. They require an understanding of the course curriculum content and learning concepts. EA's assist classroom teachers in the implementation of behaviour programs.

Classes are scheduled for evenings and Saturdays, but must also be available for two weeks of directed observation and a four-week practicum placement in a school arranged by RMC.

Program duration is approximately 652 hours (completed within one-year). Application for admission is required.

EA APPLICATION PROCESS TAKES PLACE IN TWO STAGES

Registration in person: Friday June 2, 2017 – 8:30 am – On a first come first served basis. No registrations will be accepted before June 2 at 8:30 am. Upon completion of registration on June 2 a limited number of registrants will be accepted.

Application Session: Friday, June 9, 2017 - 9:00 am to noon – Only prospective students who have been accepted for registration on June 2 will be invited to attend the application session.

Application Session Requirements: Bring proof of high school graduation, two professional references, some form of documentation for the required 100 hours of appropriate volunteer and/or work experience and a calculator. A resume is useful, but not mandatory. There will be an assessment of written English and math skills. Applicants may be interviewed prior to acceptance into the program. Attendance at the application session does not guarantee acceptance into the EA program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Registration form completed on **Friday, June 2, 2017**. No registrations will be accepted before June 2 at 8:30 am. Upon completion of registration on June 2, a limited number of registrations will be accepted. Once accepted at registration, applicants are required to attend the application session **Friday, June 9, 2017** (\$30 registration fee applies).
- Grade 12 Graduation (G.E.D. not accepted), copy of diploma or transcript
- Volunteer time and/or applicable work experience (100 hours) – ideally, volunteer or work experience would be in a school setting, though experience with special needs individuals in other supported goal-oriented environments can apply; for example, formal recreation programs, group homes, pre-school or after school programs. Parents of special needs children would benefit from some volunteer time in a school setting.
- Ability to pass a criminal record check – required for practicum placements – Ridge Meadows College will facilitate the criminal records check once the student has been accepted into the program.
- English and academic Skills assessment, performed at the application session.
- Two professional references – written
- A resume is useful but not mandatory
- Bring documentation, references and a calculator to the application session

Financial Assistance may be available for eligible students.
Passport to Education accepted.



(A Division of School District No. 42)

RIDGE MEADOWS COLLEGE
Spring 2017 REGISTRATION FOR Fall 2017
EA PROGRAM
Education Assistant Certificate
Program

Admission Requirements:

- Grade 12 diploma
- Volunteer experience
- Basic skills test
- Criminal records search
- Two professional references

Core Courses: *Subject to change for fall 2017*

- Introduction to Inclusive Education
- American Sign Language
- Interpersonal Communication Skills
- Child Development - Infant Through Adolescence
- Observation Seminars
- Technology in the Classroom
- Sensory Processing and Self-Regulation
- Diversity in the Classroom
- Back Care
- Job Coaching Principles for Work Experience
- Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders (POPARD)
- Medical and Health Care Needs
- Curriculum Supports - Elementary
- Application of Visual Design
- Assistive Technology in the Classroom
- Curriculum Supports - Secondary
- Positive Behaviour Supports
- Speech and Language Development and Disorders
- Introduction to Boardmaker
- Non-violent Crisis Intervention
- Social and Emotional Learning
- Curriculum Changes Under the Lens of Inclusion and UDL
- Practicum Orientation, Seminars and Placements
- Occupational First Aid Level 1

Program Costs:

- Registration Fee: \$30.00
- Tuition and Book Fee: \$8020.00

Please note: these are the 2016/17 program fees, the 2017/2018 program costs are subject to change.

***Program profile is subject to change based on program advisory committee recommendations.*

