

## EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE PROGRAM CIRCULAR

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**To:** All licensed child care facilities, Post-Secondary Institutions, Early Learning and Child Care Branch

**Subject:** Expression of Interest: ECE II Assessment Program Advisors

**Effective Date:** **Immediately**

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Are you interested in becoming an ECE II Assessment Program Advisor?

This circular is being sent to all licensed early learning and child care (ELCC) facilities and post secondary institutions to provide information on the application process for becoming an advisor. There are currently four streams of ECE II Assessment available: Competency Based Assessment (CBA), Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), Modified Prior Learning Assessment (MPLA) and Internationally Educated Qualifications (IEQ).

Under the [Canada-Manitoba ELCC Agreement](#), and the [Canada-Wide ELCC Agreement](#), there are commitments to continue to support child care employees and early learning and child care specialists in the field. One method to support ELCC workforce initiatives is by expanding the ECE II Assessment Program to assist qualified Child Care Assistants (CCA) to become classified as ECE IIs. The ECE II Assessment Program is a self-directed program, in which experienced CCAs are given the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and knowledge, consistent with Manitoba's child care regulations, to become classified at the ECE II level.

The ELCC Branch enters into contracts with advisors who are content area specialists. Their role is to support and guide the professional development of each program participant by: assessing skills, knowledge and judgment; observing participants as they work with children; and providing formal recommendations for ECE certification. Advisors will be remunerated for up to 1000 hours per year at a rate of \$29.10 per hour.

To apply to be an ECE II Assessment Advisor you require:

- an ECE III classification;
- extensive experience in an early learning and child care management setting;
- understanding of Prior Learning Assessment processes or adult education; and
- current knowledge of early learning and child care practices.

Previous experience as a mentor, manager or guide and a certificate in Adult Education or Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is also desired.

If you are interested in becoming an Advisor for the ECE II Assessment Program, please indicate this in an email with the subject line "ECE II Assessment Advisor" to the Qualifications Unit at [cdccertificate@gov.mb.ca](mailto:cdccertificate@gov.mb.ca) by February 28, 2022. Please include your contact information with an attached CV or resume. Early Learning and Child Care Branch will contact selected participants to confirm their participation, and provide additional details about the program.

Thank you for your commitment to strengthening the ELCC sector in Manitoba.

Sincerely,

Early Learning and Child Care Branch