

Table 4.3 British Columbia Educator Qualifications

Kindergarten Teachers

Four years (120 credits) of post-secondary studies and a degree or its equivalent, including six credits of coursework in English literature and composition.³⁵

Early Childhood Educators

Early childhood educator certificate: Basic Early Childhood Education training program, with a minimum 910 hours, including practicum, through a recognized post-secondary educational institution, plus 500 hours of additional work experience relevant to early childhood education, or the equivalent.

Special needs early childhood educator certificate: must qualify for the early childhood educator certificate and have successfully completed a Special Needs Early Childhood Educator training program through a recognized post-secondary educational institution.

Infant and toddler educator certificate: must qualify for the Early Childhood Educator certificate and have successfully completed an infant and toddler educator training program through a recognized post-secondary educational institution.

Early childhood educator assistant certificate: must have successfully completed a minimum of one course of a basic Early Childhood Education training program in child development, child guidance or health and safety, and nutrition through a recognized post-secondary educational institution.