

TABLE 4.3 BRITISH COLUMBIA EDUCATOR QUALIFICATIONS

Kindergarten Teachers <sup>a</sup>	Completion of a minimum four-year program of post-secondary school professional and academic or specialist studies beyond BC Grade 12 or equivalent, including an acceptable teacher education program.
Early Childhood Educators <sup>b</sup>	<p><b>Early Childhood Educator certificate:</b> Basic ECE education program with a minimum of 902 hours, plus character and competency references, in addition to practicum, through a recognized post-secondary educational institution, plus 500 hours of additional work experience.</p> <p><b>Special Needs Educator certificate:</b> Basic ECE certificate plus character and competency references and completion of a recognized Special Needs ECE education program.</p> <p><b>Infant and Toddler Educator certificate:</b> Basic ECE certificate plus character and competency references and completion of a recognized Infant and Toddler Educator education program.</p> <p><b>Early Childhood Educator Assistant certificate:</b> Character references plus one course in a recognized Basic ECE education program in health safety and nutrition, child guidance, or child development.</p>

a Government of British Columbia. BC Teacher’s Council. *Certification Standards*. Retrieved from: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/organizational-structure/boards-commissions-tribunals/bc-teachers-council/cert\\_standards.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/organizational-structure/boards-commissions-tribunals/bc-teachers-council/cert_standards.pdf)

b Government of British Columbia. *Child Care Licensing Regulation*. Retrieved from: [http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/332\\_2007](http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/332_2007)