

TABLE 4.3 BRITISH COLUMBIA EDUCATOR QUALIFICATIONS

Kindergarten Teachers^a

Completion of a four-year program of post-secondary professional and academic or specialist studies, or equivalent, including an acceptable teacher education program.

Early Childhood Educators^b

Early Childhood Educator certificate: ECE education program, with a minimum of 902 hours of post-secondary studies, including a minimum of 450 practicum hours; 500 hours of additional supervised work experience, with hours and competence validated by a supervising ECE; and character references.

Special Needs Educator certificate: Basic ECE certificate plus completion of a recognized Special Needs ECE education program.

Infant and Toddler Educator certificate: Basic ECE certificate plus completion of a recognized Infant and Toddler Educator education program.

Early Childhood Educator Assistant certificate: Character references plus one course in a recognized Basic ECE education program, in either health safety and nutrition, child guidance, or child development.

^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

^b. Kings Printer. *Community Care and Assisted Living Act*. Child Care Licensing Regulation. Retrieved from: http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/332_2007

