



B.C.'s Energy College™

# EDUCATION ASSISTANT

## INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Northern Lights College has been engaged in discussions with School District 60 to develop a collaborative training strategy designed to provide post-secondary Education Assistant (EA) certification for School District employees.

The training initiative required a needs assessment, as well as a number of discussions around streamlining admission requirements, recognized prior learning assessment, subsidized costs, flexible scheduling and varied delivery methods based primarily on face to face delivery with online options for students with a preference for distance studies whether due to flexibility or geographical concerns.

The provincially recognized NLC EA Certificate is comprised of 15 courses (typically three full semesters or 1.5 yrs) and with the completion of 5 additional courses, students may complete an EA Diploma credential or the equivalent of two years which is desirable for those that wish to pursue a Bachelor degree later on.

### GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Please submit all items together. Your file will reviewed for acceptance once all items have been received.

- A \$25.00 non-refundable Northern Lights College **Application Fee** for all new students to NLC. Your file will not be processed without this fee.
- A completed **Northern Light College Application Form**. Please specify that you are applying to the EA Program and ensure to include your current email address.
- A copy of **government-issued identification** such as a birth certificate or BC drivers' licence. This is to ensure data submitted matches Ministry records.
- The Northern Lights College **Writing Assessment** is "required" if you **plan to take NLC's ENGL 100** for the EA **Diploma** (instructions and application form included in this package). The Writing Assessment is not a requirement to enter the EA Program and can be completed prior to registering for NLC's ENGL 100 course.
- **Official transcripts** of any post-secondary institutes attended, other than Northern Lights College, for transferring credit.
  - \* **Official transcripts are sealed by the sending institute and must be received in an unopened condition. Copies of any certificates for SEAC Modules completed**
- A **comprehensive letter** stating your background, interest, and goals for taking the Education Assistant Program.
- **One current letter of reference** (must be written and dated within the last year), or evidence of current employment with School District 60, (If you request this of SD 60 administration, they may be able to provide confirmation of employment in a list to NLC.)

**Questions pertaining to the submission and receipt of application requirements should be directed to the HDEC Department office.**

**Submit all necessary admission requirements to:**

Northern Lights College  
 Attention: Human Development, Education and Care (HDEC) Department  
 Box 1000 (Courier Address: 9820 120 Avenue)  
 Fort St. John, BC V1J 6K1  
 Email: [ecetadept@nlc.bc.ca](mailto:ecetadept@nlc.bc.ca) Fax: (250) 787-6222

## SSEAC Modules

School District 60 has been offering SSEAC training modules on an in-service basis to School District employees. With this in mind, as well as plans by SD60 to continue to offer SSEAC Training, we have designed a prior learning equivalency table for your reference. Students who have completed modules will be given partial course equivalency as noted below and as such will be eligible to take the “modified” (*M*) version of some of the standard Education Assistant Certificate courses. This means that EAs who have not yet taken the some of the SSEAC modules may want to take advantage of the upcoming offerings as it will further reduce training costs and may enhance efficient use of study time for some course completion.

- Module 1 – Foundations of Inclusive Education (12 hours)
- Module 2 – Professional and Ethical Practice (9 hours)
- Module 3 – Supporting Learners with FASD (12 hours)
- Module 4 – Basic Sign Language (9 hours)
- Module 5 – Understanding Common Medical Issues (15 hours)
- Module 6 – Intro to Instructional Strategies (15 hours)
- Module 7 – Intro to Autism Spectrum Disorder (30 hours)
- Module 8 – Understanding Behaviour (24 hours)
- Module 9 – Assistive Technology (24 hours)

NLC Course	SEAC Modules	To Obtain Full Credit Students Need to:
EDAS 141 <i>M</i>	Module 1 Module 2	Complete EDAS 141A PLA Package Complete 3 days of in-service for the remaining 24 hours of course content
EDAS 142 <i>M</i>	Module 3 Module 5	Students with Both Module 3 and 5: Complete EDAS 142A PLA Package Complete 3 days of in-service for the remaining 18 hours of course content  Students with Only Module 3: Complete a different PLA Package Complete 3 days of in-service for the remaining 33 hours of course content
EDAS 146 <i>M</i>	Module 6	Complete EDAS 146 PLA Package Complete 4 days of in-service for the remaining 30 hours of course content
EDAS 154	Module 4 Module 7 Module 9	If students have at least 2 of the 3 modules they will receive full credit There will be no fees associated with this credit.
HDEC 103 <i>M</i>	Module 8 CPI (7 hours)	Complete a PLA Package Complete 2 days of in-service for the remaining 14 hours of course content