



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING INFORMATION GUIDE



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Professional Learning



What is the Professional Learning?

Professional Learning includes all types of facilitated learning opportunities, ranging from university degrees to formal course work, workshops (face-to-face), webinars, college/university courses, conferences, information sessions that are related to the early learning environment.

Research demonstrates that ongoing professional learning and reflective practice expands knowledge and skills of ECE's and provides a diverse ECE setting and a high quality, effective services for children and families. (Comer, 2008; Howard, 2003; MacNaughton, 2003 DEECD, 2009; Siraj-Blatchford et al, 2004).

Due to its importance, professional learning has been incorporated into the Child Care Services Certification.

Benefits of Professional Learning:

- Retaining and sharpening old skills
- Development of new skills
- Keeping up to date with sector trends
- Fresh perspectives
- Learn and practice new skills in a non-threatening environment
- Networking opportunities
- Expand horizons and explore career opportunities
- Energizing, renewing and can decrease "burnout"

PL brings benefits to the child care centre as well where ECE's work in and to the children and families they care for as well.

PL helps ECE's provide developmentally appropriate learning opportunities in a safe and educationally stimulating environment that addresses the needs and interests of all children.

Ways to obtain PL hours

- Online-workshops and webinars
- Workplace
- Community Centres, Schools, Public Libraries
- Recreation Programs
- Child Care Services
- University and/or College courses
- Family Child Care Agencies
- Family Resource Programs
- Different Organizations, Societies and Associations
- Etc. ...

If unsure if the event can be counted towards professional development contact Registrar:

registrar@aecenl.ca or 709-579-3004



AECENL's Commitment to Professional Learning

What we offer:

- Self-paced Online Workshops
- Live Virtual Workshop Series
- Face to face workshops
- AECENL's Bookshelf and Self-Study Series
- PL Lending Library
- Regional Travel
- Annual provincial Conference
- The Science of Early Child Development (SECD)

Professional Learning Grant Fund is available to child care centres, and family child care practitioners that offer PL opportunities for ECE's in the community.

For more information
about Professional
Learning scan the QR
code:



To learn more about AECENL's PL opportunities, PL Grant Fund please contact PL Coordinator:
plcoordinator@aecenl.ca

On-Line Professional Learning Links

The following organisations provide online Professional Learning opportunities for Early Childhood Educators.

ONLINE WEBINARS
Hatch http://www.hatchearlylearning.com/resources/events/early-learning-expert-webinars/
Early Childhood Investigations http://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com/presentations/
edWeb https://home.edweb.net/
Scholar's Choice https://www.scholarschoice.ca/webinar
ONLINE WORKSHOPS
AECENL Online Workshops https://www.aecenl.ca/index.php/professional-development
Early Years Professional Development Centre http://www.ecedu.ca/
AFIRM Modules https://afirm.fpg.unc.edu/afirm-modules
The Care Courses School, Inc. https://www.carecourses.com/publicpages/childcare_training
Child Care Lounge http://www.childcarelounge.com/training/child-care-training.php
Child Care Training https://www.childcaretraining.org/
Brain Story Certification – Alberta Family Wellness Initiative https://www.albertafamilywellness.org/training/
Workshops on Early Learning http://www.workshopsonearlylearning.com/

Documentation for Professional Learning (PL)

To qualify:

- Professional learning should be in the field of Early Childhood Education and Early Learning
- PL hours should fall within the current certification period.
- Hours completed beyond the required hours cannot be carried in the next renewal period.
- Original PL certificates need to be submitted with the renewal application form.
- Individual membership in your name to a child care related organization can be counted as 1/2 hour of PL per membership year to a maximum of 1 hour per year. however AECENL membership counts as 1 hour as it is a dual membership with CCCF.
- Completion of an orientation course through AECENL (after you have been certified) is counted as 5 hours of PL.
- First aid and mandatory workplace health and safety courses are NOT considered professional development

We suggest that you keep original documentation of your PL events in your personal file during your renewal period.

If unsure of professional learning event can be counted towards your renewal please contact Registrar at registrar@aecenl.ca or 709-579-3004

Required PL documentation for face-to-face PL Events

- The PL certificate must bare your name, title of the workshop, date, time (or a number of hours) and handwritten signature.
- If the event (face to face) that you attended does not issue a PL certificate you can on a piece of paper document the name of the event, date, time and presenter's name and have the presenter sign it at the PL event. It is your responsibility to acquire documentation.
- If you lose an original PL certificate an original written confirmation letter or e-mail letter from the presenter (with his/her signature) can be used for PL documentation.

Required PL documentation for college/university courses

- A clear copy of the transcript that bares individuals name and lists successfully completed courses
- A screenshot of individuals grades (a print out has to bare individuals name, semester, courses names and grades)

PL documentation for online workshops

Online workshops can only be used once for renewal purposes because the information in the workshop does not change (Ex. IF AECENL's *Positively You* workshop is used in this renewal period it cannot be used again in the next.)

- **AFIRM modules** – with their PL certificates we also require the email from them showing that you have created your own account
- **TCL: Lori Chaulk online workshops** – With the PL Certificate we require also an email have received with the PL certificate
- **AECENL online workshops:** only the PL certificate you receive upon completion is required.




TLC: The Lori
Chaulk Early Years
& Professional
Services



PL documentation for online PL events

- **ECE Webinars:** PL certificates and an email (registration, reminder, or attendance email)
- **AECENL online webinars:** require the email you receive stating the PL hours earned.

For  Webinars there are two ways obtaining the PL documentation:

- Option 1: PL certificates and an email (registration, reminder, or attendance email)
- Option 2: PL Certificates, log in page and printout of all viewed PL events



Certification Contact information

Registrar of Child Care Services Certification

For information about Child Care Services Certification, registration information for orientation course, PL eligibility



registrar@aecenl.ca



709-579-3004

Professional Learning Coordinator

For information about AECENL's Professional Learning opportunities



plcoordinator@aecenl.ca



709-579-8993

Orientation Course and Online Specialist

For help regarding orientation courses or AECENL online workshops



orientationcourse@aecenl.ca



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or by appointment outside those hours)