

Student Checklist (Early Childhood Education)

Student Name: _____

School: _____

Congratulations on choosing to pursue a High Skills Major Certificate in Early Childhood Education!

This checklist will help you track your progress throughout high school, as you engage in career exploration, community-based learning, and skill development. Please note that the High Skills Major Certificate is an independent certification. **You are responsible for tracking your progress and ensuring all requirements are completed.**

HSM Leads are your primary contact for support. They verify checklists and portfolios and sign off on required milestones. Connect with your HSM Lead as you work through your requirements. [Find your HSM Lead here.](#)



Focused Course Selection

Course availability varies by school. Courses are listed in the language(s) they are offered.

The same course cannot be used in multiple categories (Core Learning, Co-operative Education, and Supplementary Learning).

Co-operative Education placements must be supervised and assessed by a Level 2 or 3 Early Childhood Educator in pre-primary or licensed/regulate childcare centers found in the Directory of Licensed Child Care Facilities. Additional documentation is required to verify placement requirements and is completed by the co-op teacher and co-op host. Students must let their co-op teacher know that a Co-op Verification Form needs to be completed.

Students who graduate with HSM in Early Childhood Education may be eligible for additional opportunities.

See the [incentives page](#) for details.

An asterisk (*) indicates that the course is available through the [Nova Scotia Virtual School](#).

a) Core Learning

1 credit:

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List of available courses:

CREDIT	COURSE NAME
1.0	Child Studies 11

b) Co-operative Education

1 credit:

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List of available courses:

CREDIT	COURSE NAME
1.0	Co-operative Education 11* / Éducation coopérative 11*
1.0	Co-operative Education 12* / Éducation coopérative 12*

Co-op Reflection and Evidence of Placement

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Focused Course Selection

c) Supplementary Learning

2 credits:

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List of available courses:

CREDIT	COURSE NAME
1.0	Arts Choose 1 credit: • Visual Arts 10 • Visual Arts 11 • Visual Arts 12 • Advanced Visual Arts 11 • Advanced Visual Arts 12 • Music 10 • Music 11 • Music 12 • Advanced Music 11 • Advanced Music 12 • Drama 10 • Drama 11 • Drama 12: Theatre Arts
1.0	Canadian Families 12
1.0	Co-operative Education Choose 1 credit: • Co-operative Education 11* / Éducation coopérative 11* • Co-operative Education 12* / Éducation coopérative 12*
1.0	Entrepreneurship/Business/Technology Choose 1 credit: • Entrepreneurship 12* / Entrepreneuriat 12 • Indigenous Entrepreneurship 11 • Indigenous Entrepreneurship 12 • Business Management 12 • Business Technology 11 • Business Technology 12

CREDIT	COURSE NAME
1.0	Family or Food Studies Choose 1 credit: • Family Studies 10 (2 half credits) • Food Studies & Hospitality 12
1.0	Health & Human Services 12
1.0	Netukulimk 12
1.0	Psychology 12 AP OR Sociology 12 AC
1.0	Physical Education Choose 1 credit: • Physical Education Leadership 12 • Yoga 11

Reflect on the two courses you selected from the Supplementary Learning list and how they relate to your chosen career path.

Consider how the knowledge, skills, or experiences you gained in each course can support your future goals. How did each course help you develop relevant skills, explore your interests, or deepen your understanding of the career pathway? What connections can you make between what you learned and the expectations or opportunities in your chosen field?

When your reflections are complete, upload them to [myBlueprint](#).

Reflection of Supplementary Learning 1 ☐ Uploaded to myBlueprint

Reflection of Supplementary Learning 2 ☐ Uploaded to myBlueprint



Community-Based Learning

a) At least 2 community-based experiences

In addition to Co-operative Education (in Focused Course Selection), participate in at least 2 different community-based learning experiences related to early childhood education, that combine to total at least 4 hours. Experiences should be documented below, with supplementary text and/or photos uploaded to your student portfolio on [myBlueprint](#). Any additional experiences (not listed below) can be uploaded to your student portfolio on [myBlueprint](#) to showcase for future employers or post-secondary institutions.

Examples may include (but are not limited to):

- participation in a volunteer, community, or service-learning project related to early childhood education
- working with an Elder, community mentor, or knowledge holder
- attendance at a career fair, conference, or workshop

1	Description	
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Date(s) of experience	Name of supervisor/teacher
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Date(s) of experience	Name of supervisor/teacher
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Training & Certification

Complete a minimum of 6 training opportunities or certifications related to Early Childhood Education. There are 4 required certifications, and at least 2 additional certifications. Any additional training opportunities can be uploaded to your student portfolio on [myBlueprint](#) to showcase for future employers or post-secondary institutions. Some certifications are completed during Co-Op or other courses. Your HSM Lead can help you navigate your certifications.

a) 4 required certifications

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES OR CERTIFICATIONS	DATE OF COMPLETION	UPLOADED TO MYBLUEPRINT
Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)		☐
Occupational Health and Safety (e.g. Safe@MyJob)		☐
Safe Spaces Make Great Workplaces (Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission)		☐
Working with Abilities (Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission)		☐

b) At least 2 additional certifications

Examples may include (but are not limited to):

- Standard First Aid/CPR Level C
- Food Handler Certificate
- Mental Health First Aid
- Completion of workshop(s) from recognized organizations
- [WCB & Me](#) (Workers Compensation Board Training)
- [Cardiac Crash](#) (Heart & Stroke Foundation)

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Portfolio

a) myBlueprint

Your student portfolio on myBlueprint must demonstrate that you have met the qualifications for High Skills Major in Early Childhood Education. Add to your portfolio throughout high school. Once complete, it needs to be reviewed by your HSM Lead.

☐ I have completed my portfolio

TO BE COMPLETED BY HSM LEAD

The student has met the requirements for the Nova Scotia High Skills Major Certificate

☐ Yes

☐ No

Date of review

Reviewed by