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# Aboriginal Head Start Association of British Columbia

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## OPPORTUNITY: Early Childhood Education and Care Sponsorship

The Aboriginal Head Start Association of BC (AHSABC) is serious about growing the ECE Profession. We would like to support passionate individuals who are working in or connected to an Aboriginal Head Start program to further their career and take steps towards attaining their Early Childhood Education certification through the ECEC program at Vancouver Island University or at Northern Lights College which are both fully online programs that start in September of 2026.

AHS Program Coordinators are encouraged to seek out interested AHS staff, support staff, families or volunteers who have the necessary qualifications, experience, and potential to become a great addition to the team. Please share this opportunity to help further their education.

AHSABC will cover the cost of tuition, textbooks, and student fees. The student will also be provided with a laptop and a monthly living allowance to support a quality learning experience. In addition, AHSABC will provide an honorarium to a mentor from an AHS program to support students in their journey to becoming an ECE. The mentor will help to guide students and offer support where needed.

**To apply for this opportunity:**

### **STEP 1:**

Complete the AHSABC Application portion on page 2 of this form and return to Dana Gustafson at [dana.gustafson@ahsabc.com](mailto:dana.gustafson@ahsabc.com) by April 17, 2026.

**If you are shortlisted, AHSABC will reach out to you to set up an interview.**

### **STEP 2:**

Review the ECEC Program information from VIU or Northern Lights College and prepare for an interview with AHSABC.

If you have any questions about this process or the application form, please don't hesitate to contact Dana Gustafson at [dana.gustafson@ahsabc.com](mailto:dana.gustafson@ahsabc.com) or 250-709-4093.



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## OPPORTUNITY: ECEC Program Sponsorship Application

**Full Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**E-mail Address:**

**Name of referring AHS Program:**

Please check to confirm the following:

- I meet **ALL** of the post secondary admission requirements. (check their webpage for requirements)
- I am able to take on a full course load.
- I would be interested in completing the full ECEC diploma program if offered (2 years for diploma and 1 year for ECE certificate.)

Do you have an AHS member who is willing and able to mentor you?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide the following:

Full Name:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Is there any other information that you would like to share with us in consideration of your application for the ECEC Program Sponsorship?

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Applicant Signature

Please return completed AHSABC Application form to Dana Gustafson at [dana.gustafson@ahsabc.com](mailto:dana.gustafson@ahsabc.com) by April 17, 2026.



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