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**Where does ECE Training fit in the Discussions of the Delivery of Early Learning Programs?**

# Strongest Indicators of Quality in Early Childhood Programs

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- **Philosophy and Curriculum**
- **Training and Continuous Development of Educators**

# Philosophy and Curriculum

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- **Philosophy that values a holistic approach to children's growth and development**
- **Philosophy that values the elements of Best Practices in Early Childhood**
- **Curriculum that supports children's lifelong learning**
- **Curriculum that maximizes children's learning through play**



# 4 Dimensions of Best Practices

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- **Play focused experiences based on children's development and interests**
- **Educator/child interactions that support children's self esteem, language, problem-solving, autonomy, decision-making**
- **Play is learning, learning is play**
- **Educator/child ratios that support meaningful and genuine interactions**



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**Programs that value Best Practices and choose an Identifiable Curriculum provide better quality programs for young children.**



# At Sheridan:

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- **Early Childhood Education training teaches the Principles of Best Practices using the High/Scope Curriculum as a model**
- **Sheridan and the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation have a partnership where Sheridan is the Canadian trainer in High/Scope curriculum**

# Training and Continuous Development of Educators

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## **Most popular ECE training:**

- **2 year ECE college diploma program**
- **University and Faculty of Ed., kindergarten and primary specialization**
- **Community agencies and networks providing workshops, conferences, training for ongoing professional development**



# ECE Training in Ontario Colleges

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- **Comprehensive set of program standards based on a 'theory to practice' training model**
- **Curriculum based on a sound knowledge of child development & sensitivity to the uniqueness of each child**
- **Curriculum that values play is learning, learning is play.**



# Early Childhood Training at Sheridan:

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- **2 year ECE diploma program**
- **1 year ECE Intensive program**

## **Post Diploma**


- **Educational Assistant**
- **ECE Supervision & Administration**
- **High/Scope Preschool Teacher Training**
- **Montessori Preschool Training**



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**CENTRAL** to the successful delivery of  
quality in all programs for young  
children

**Need for INNOVATIVE  
strategies in training is just  
as critical as it is in the  
delivery of the programs**



## Innovative Training Strategies that:

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- **Break down existing training barriers while maintaining a level of training excellence that provides quality early learning educators**



## Innovative Training Strategies that:

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- **Place children and families in the centre where early learning of life skills is the focus – not just school readiness, writing or reading skills**
- **Acknowledge the strengths of all current training to transform into a NEW comprehensive and collaborative approach to training**