



Information About Dual Credit Educational Assistant Courses From Northern Lakes College

Why take dual credit Educational Assistant courses?

1. Earn up to 60 high school credits toward your high school diploma.
2. Lower your workload in College. By reducing the number of courses you need for your Educational Assistant program, you will have a lower workload while in College.
3. Find out if the Educational Assistant program is something you are interested in before enrolling in College.
4. By completing the entire program, you are ready to start your career right out of high school.
5. Save money. Your high school may cover some costs. Check with your school to determine if they cover any expenses.
6. Qualify for a \$500 tuition bursary. Dual credit students who successfully complete qualify for tuition bursary if they continue their post-secondary education with Northern Lakes College.



Where is the program available?

The Educational Assistant Program is available at any location.

When is the program available?

1. Term 1 - Sept 5 to Dec 15, 2023
2. Term 2 - Jan 4 to April 25, 2024
3. Most classes are available Live online or can be worked on at any time from any location. If the live online classes do not fit your high school schedule, you can listen to the recordings and do the work at a time that works for you.

What prerequisites are needed to get into the program?

1. Students must have a minimum of English 10-1 (60%) or 10-2 (70%) and Math 10-C or Math 10-3 to start the program.
2. Students require English 30-1 (60%) or 30-2 (70%) to take COMM1000 and ENGL1000.
3. Students must have completed or be co-enrolled in English 30-1 or 30-2 to take COMP2100.

How difficult is the program?

1. The courses in this program are at a college level and therefore require a significant commitment on behalf of the student, the parent, the high school and the College. Therefore, you need to be sure you are ready to dedicate yourself to the courses before applying.
2. Parents are encouraged to stay informed of their child's progress in the program via the high school.

Other things you need to know:

1. For the Educational Assistant courses, students will follow the schedule as laid out by the College, which may differ from the high school schedule. The schedule will be provided when you start the program.
2. There are twelve courses in the program. Students can take as many courses as they would like by dual credit. Once students have all twelve courses, they will qualify for an Educational Assistant certificate.
3. Below is a suggested schedule for students wishing to complete the entire program while in high school.



Grade	Term	Course Name
10	1 or 2	EDAS0109 - Practicum I & Seminar
11	1	CDEV0101 - Child & Adolescent Development
		EDAS0105 - Language Development and Instructional Strategies
	2	EDAS0106 - Math Development and Instructional Strategies
		EDAS0118 - Working with Children with Exceptionalities
		EDAS0102 - Effectively Managing Student Behaviour in Educational Settings
12	1	LDER0180 - Leadership in Helping Professions
		ENGL1000 - Introduction to English Language and Literature
		EDAS0108 - Introduction to Exceptionalities
	2	COMP2100 - Introduction to Educational Computer Applications
		COMM1000 - Interpersonal Communications for the Helping Profession
		EDAS0119 - Practicum II

4. The EDAS0109 Practicum I and Seminar course and the EDAS0119 Practicum II are courses that require students to work in a classroom in a school.
 - a. Travel to the practicum placement site is the responsibility of the student/parent.
 - b. Students must ensure they have time in their high school schedule to attend their practicum placements.
5. Practicum agencies may require an up-to-date Police Information Check (Vulnerable Sector) and an Alberta Children's Services Intervention Record Check of students placed in their organizations. The inability to present clear checks means a student may not be able to complete the program requirements.
6. For more information about a career as an Educational Assistant, check out the alis.alberta.ca website. You will find information on Educational Assistant and other careers under the 'Occupations in Alberta' link.
7. For more information on the Educational Assistant program at Northern Lakes College, check out the College website at northernlakescollege.ca.
8. Application deadline is six weeks before the start date of the course, however, students are encouraged to apply early as the classes can fill up before the application deadline.