



Nova Scotia Child Care Association
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Attention All Nova Scotia Early Childhood Educators!

The Nova Scotia Child Care Association has launched a project to recognize prior learning for individuals working in licensed childcare programs in Nova Scotia.

The initiative is part of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's Action Plan, *Affordable, Quality Child Care: A Great Place to Grow!* (June 2016), (Article 14)

The Nova Scotia Child Care Association, in partnership with the Department of Labour and Advanced Education, has engaged Emerit Consulting who will develop a child care competency profile and a recognized prior learning (RPL) process to assess individual competencies.

NS ECEs will be invited to be part of this project as you have the experience, expertise and judgement to ensure a quality process is developed. Focus groups and information interviews will be scheduled in the coming weeks with NS ECEs as subject matter experts Key to inform the process. To be a part of this important project, please complete the attached application form by the March 22nd, 2018 deadline. The SMEs will also provide expertise as required and participate in meetings and focus groups throughout the project. Travel and substitute stipends will be available for qualifying participants.

Emerit Consulting will contact SMEs as different aspects of the competency development occur to provide details regarding the commitment to allow SME's to decide whether or not they wish to participate in that aspect of the project.

Subject Matter Expert (SME) Application

Deadline March 22nd, 2018

If you are interested in being selected to participate as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) please complete the following form. Information collected will only be used for the purpose of this project. By filling out and submitting this form to NSCCA you are agreeing to participate in the Development of Competency Profile and Recognized Prior Learning (RPL) process for the project and to allowing the Nova Scotia Child Care Association to share your information for the purpose of this project with Emerit Consulting, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Department of Labour and Advanced Education as per the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Please check all the expertise areas that apply to you below:

Age Group

- Infant programming
- Toddler programming
- Preschool programming
- School Age

Settlement

- Urban
- Rural
- Sub-urban

Region

- Northern region
- Southern ECE
- Western region
- Cape Breton
- HRM
- Central region

Ethnicity

- Acadian/francophone ECE
- Mi'Kmaq ECE
- African Nova Scotian ECE

Other _____

Program Type

- Pre-primary ECE
- Unionized ECE
- Non-profit
- Commercial/Private
- Part-time
- Full-time
- Forest School ECE
- Training Institutions
- Montessori ECE

Gender

- Male
- Female

Position

- Administrator
- Inclusion ECE
- Independent consultant
- Ratio ECE
- Lead/Master/Head ECE
- Program Coordinator
- Certified ECE
- ECE researcher
- Substitute ECE

If you have any questions, please contact: Catherine Cross, Executive Director