

EDUCATION ASSISTANT (EA) BRIDGE PROGRAM



Build Your Path into a Rewarding Career in Education

The Education Assistant Bridge Program is an intensive, hands-on training opportunity designed to prepare participants for meaningful employment as an Education Assistant with the Cowichan Valley School District.



Program Timeline

Program Dates: March 2–20, 2026



Final morning and graduation: March 30, 2026

Daily Schedule: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Program Focus

Participants will gain practical knowledge and experience in:

- Understanding School Structures and Roles
- Child and Adolescent Development
- Inclusive Education in Practice
- Supporting Priority Learners
- Health, Safety and Physical Care
- Learning and Behaviour Support Strategies
- Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)
- Technology for Learning and Communication
- Professionalism and Communicating in the Workplace
- Practical School-Based Experience



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Who Should Apply?

- Previous EA applicants to the Cowichan Valley School District
- Early Childhood Educators exploring school-based roles
- Community recreation staff and related professionals
- Individuals passionate about inclusive education and student success



Program Requirements

Applicants must:

- **Have Grade 12 or equivalent**
- **Have English 12 or equivalent**
- **Have educational training in one of the following (or an equivalent combination):**
 - Education Assistant
 - Community Support Worker
 - Early Childhood Educator
 - Post-secondary coursework in child/adolescent development
- **Have experience working with students with disabilities or diverse abilities**
- **Hold First Aid and CPR certification (or be willing to obtain)**
- **Be able to commit to the full three-week program**
- **Be interested and available for full employment with the Cowichan Valley School District upon successful completion**
- **Provide a current criminal record check**



Take the next step toward a meaningful career supporting students and inclusive learning.