



2014 Winter Workshops

Workshops are held Tuesdays from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm at 6208 Quinpool Road, 2nd Floor, Halifax (**unless noted as a workshop + tour)

Connect Before You Correct: The Power of Relationship

This workshop highlights the missing link that will enable you to manage persistent misbehaviours that currently don't change no matter what you try. Participants will discover why young children do the things they do and explore tools and techniques that will help them to build valuable connections with children. Come learn how to bridge the gap between positive connections and effective, respectful correction of inappropriate behaviours.

Elizabeth Cormier is the owner of *Strong Family Connections: Helping Families Create, Communicate and Celebrate*. She is a Certified Positive Discipline Educator and was owner/director of her own Kindergarten. She is a former ECE instructor with NSCC Springhill.
January 21, 2014

Emotional Intelligence and the Early Childhood Educator (Repeat)

Understanding and managing emotions are important resiliency abilities. Emotional intelligence helps us to cope with job stressors and to provide positive role modeling for children. There are a number of abilities and skills related to emotional intelligence that can be developed through awareness and practice. In this workshop participants will explore what is meant by emotional intelligence, self-reflect and discuss suggestions for enhancing their own responses to common workplace stressors.

Lisa Davies has been working with children and families in not-for-profit agencies and government for over 20 years. Lisa is part-time faculty with NSCECE. She is currently the Director of the Dartmouth Child Development Centre.
January 28, 2014

The Theory of Loose Parts

"In any environment, both the degree of inventiveness and creativity, and the possibility of discovery, are directly proportional to the number and kinds of variables in it." **Simon Nicholson**. Loose parts are cheap, open-ended, and support play that can be creative, imaginative and provides problem solving opportunities for all ages—including educators! In this workshop we will explore the idea and power of loose parts, and also play to discover the joys of this play.

Elizabeth Hicks has been working in child care for over 25 years. She currently works as an independent consultant and supports early childhood practitioners in thinking about their programs and their goals for children.
February 4, 2014

Partnering for Play (Repeat)

As teachers of young children we understand the value of play in children's learning but are often uncertain about our roles in fostering learning through play. In this workshop Debbie will share the exciting work of Elizabeth Jones and Gretchen Reynolds from their book, *The Play's the Thing: Teachers' Roles in Children's Play*. Come explore possible answers to that nagging question "But what do I do while they're playing?" What can we do to support children's play and what should we avoid, if we truly believe in the potential of play?

Debbie Thompson is an MSVU Child Studies graduate. She is currently working as an EIBI Program Implementer for the IWK. Debbie has offered a number of upbeat and energetic workshops for NSCECE over the past three years.
February 11, 2014

Let's Play a Game—Practicing Skills to Improve Behaviour

Simon Says and *Sleeping Bunnies* are games played in many early childhood classrooms. Games like these are about more than having fun; they help children practice skills such as self-regulation and impulse control. These types of skills are crucial for children as they develop the ability to manage their own behaviour. Games can be part of an intentional teaching strategy to help children become successful classroom citizens. Come ready to play and to talk.

Carrie Melsom is currently the Coordinator of the NSCECE Early Childhood Educator Resource Centre. Her career in early childhood education started in 1986. She has an ECE Diploma and a Certificate in Adult Education.
February 18, 2014

Partnering with Families of Children with Special Needs (Repeat)

Partnering or collaborating with families is an important component of program quality in early childhood programs. In this workshop participants will engage in a conversation about the values and strategies that support the kind of strong reciprocal practices and communication that are a hallmark of good partnering. By asking questions, being thoughtful about the different stages a family goes through as they learn their child has special needs, and being aware of the special needs of these families centres are better able to be welcoming to all.

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February 25, 2014

Tuesday workshops are \$40. Resource Centre professional members receive a \$5 discount. The College will accept in-person debit or credit card payments, and cash or cheques. Fees are non-refundable. A workshop voucher will be issued if the College is notified of cancellation a minimum of 7 days before the scheduled workshop date. Non-attendance does not constitute cancellation.

Registration is only accepted with a payment. Write down the date and title of the workshop(s) you wish to attend, and forward with payment to NSCECE. You will be notified if your workshop is full or is cancelled for any reason.

To register, forward payment of \$40 per workshop to:

Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education, 6208 Quinpool Rd (2nd Floor) Halifax, NS B3L 1A3, 423-7114 Ext. 233



Recognizing the Potential of What You Have

Classroom clutter and disorganization can blind us to the potential that currently exists in our learning environments. It feels like we need new stuff or better stuff to really get inspired—unfortunately when we can afford new stuff, it just gets lost in the clutter. Learn how to see and recognize the potential of resources and materials you already have in your centre and discover techniques to maximize their usefulness. We'll also look at storage, how to de-clutter the classroom and how to use story sacs and prop boxes to organize materials.

Lisa Davies has been working with children and families in not-for-profit agencies and government for over 20 years. Lisa was a full-time faculty member at the Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education and is currently the Director of the Dartmouth Child Development Centre.
March 4, 2014



Sharing Our Stories—Documenting Our Success

Early childhood programs have stories worth telling. The significance and meaning of children's play and the work that teachers' do to support it can be missed unless we make a point of documenting it. Sharing these stories helps others see what you see. Collecting the stories can also help us to focus and pay closer attention to what is happening in our classrooms. Let's have a conversation about the meaningful stories of learning and connection that are currently unfolding in your classroom and share some strategies for capturing and broadcasting them.

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March 18, 2014



The Power and Necessity of Co-Regulation in the Early Years

Young children have immature systems and are only starting to develop skills to manage their own upset or level of arousal. Parents, caregivers and teachers can help children learn to self-regulate through soothing and other behaviours. Co-regulation, the way we adjust our own behaviour in response to another individual's behaviour or cues, is an integral component in encouraging communication and relationships. This workshop addresses the use of co-regulation skills to encourage positive interactions with colleagues, parents, and caregivers.

Lisa Brett, M.A., B.Sc., possesses a background in special education and early childhood disabilities. She honed her skills initially in the Florida public school system. She has also worked for government and non-profit agencies. She currently works as an EIBI Program Implementer at the IWK
March 25, 2014



Using a Cycle of Inquiry in Early Childhood Classrooms

A cycle of inquiry offers early childhood educators a possible path to follow as they support and guide children's play and learning. The journey starts with our eyes on the children observing their play. Next we provision the environment, then we take steps to sustain and enrich the play, and finally we provide children with opportunities to represent and re-represent their experiences. Participants will practice looking at play and using the cycle of inquiry to plan possible next steps.

Susan Stacey has been in the field for over 30 years, as a teacher, director, college professor and writer. She often works with ECEs addressing such topics as, documentation, reflective practice, emergent curriculum, and Reggio Emilia inspired approaches.

April 1, 2014



Provocations and Play

This workshop will provide insights into provisioning for free play in an inviting and intentional way! Presenting materials in an open-ended manner can evoke more meaningful interaction and offer opportunities for educators to scaffold skills for individual children. Based on observations made during the day, you can invite children to participate in experiences that support your programming and curriculum goals. This session is appropriate for all age groups.

Angela McNamara teaches at Point Pleasant Child Care Centre in the Four Year Old Program. Combining her backgrounds as both an ECE and Elementary Teacher, Angela embraces and approaches emergent curriculum with a foundation in math and literacy.
April 8, 2014



Story Writing for a Young Audience

Would you like to write for children? This workshop will touch on story structure, finding your authentic voice and submitting to publishers. There will be writing activities during the session. If there is an interest in continuing the conversation we will plan for a full day session to take place in the spring. Interested participants can visit www.riviola.com for information.

Cynthia d'Entremont won the Joyce Barkhouse Writing for Children Award for a picture book manuscript in 2006. Her most recent story, *Oak Island Revenge*, has been nominated for a 2014 Red Maple Award. Cynthia has facilitated over 100 writing workshops and thrives on encouraging others to tell their stories.
April 15, 2014



Are You Curious About Nature Kindergartens?

Last October our presenter Bernadette Fegan was fortunate enough to visit the Auchlone Nature Kindergarten in Scotland. She is excited to share her impressions and what she learned. In nature kindergarten's children spend about 80% of their time in the outdoors and nature provides the context and environment for the children's learning. This kindergarten is part of Mindstretchers and will be familiar to participants who have heard Claire Warden speak.

Bernadette Fegan, founder of *MIND Early Childhood Development Consultancy*, and has twenty years experience in the field of early childhood. Bernadette mentors ECEs in the field and focuses her work on improving how language and literacy are fostered in the early years.
April 22, 2014

The College will accept in-person debit or credit card payments, in addition to cash or cheque. Resource Centre individual members receive a \$5 workshop discount. There is a \$10 fee to replace a lost certificate. There is a \$25 fee for NSF cheques. Please contact Carrie Melsom, Resource Centre Coordinator, 423-7114 Ext. 227 with questions, comments, or concerns about this workshop series.



2014 Saturday Winter Workshops

Workshops are held Saturdays from 9:00—Noon; 1:00—4:00 PM; or 9:00—3:30 PM at NSCECE, 6208 Quinpool Road, 2nd Floor Halifax (unless otherwise specified)**



What's Holding You Back?

Are you weary? Overwhelmed? Wondering if this is all there is? Are you questioning your career choice? Are you restless and wanting change? This workshop is for ECEs who are questioning what they really want to do. You will examine barriers to change; and how remaining the same affects your work, relationships and inner self. You will be actively involved in looking at where you are; thinking about and deciding where you want to be; and developing strategies to move you toward where you want to be.

**Saturday,
February 22
9:00 AM –
3:30 PM
\$80.00**

Presenter: Elizabeth Cormier is the owner of *Strong Family Connections: Helping Families Create, Communicate and Celebrate*. She is a Certified Positive Discipline Educator and was owner/director of her own Kindergarten. She is a former ECE instructor with NSCC Springhill.



“Power Play”

As early childhood educators we know that children learn best through play. However, outside pressures for school readiness and academic skills push in making it more and more challenging to keep play at the forefront of our practice. Understanding the value play has in enhancing children’s development helps us to speak with confidence and conviction when defending children’s right to play. This workshop will provide participants with time to play, learn, reflect and plan to realize the full power of play in their environments.

**Saturday,
March 22
9:00 AM –
3:30 PM
\$80.00**

Presenter: Shari Ridgewell, M Ed., BAA ECE, has worked for over 30 years in the field of early childhood. She enjoys facilitating PD opportunities for child care staff on many different topics that support a play based, child centered approach to learning.

Using Music in Early Childhood

Saturday, February 22 1:00—4:00 (\$40)



Explore ways to use music to promote positive and meaningful social interaction, self-expression, movement and relaxation in Early Childhood settings. We'll include practical tips for adapting musical

activities to support children with disabilities and learn ways to use music for your own well-being. No previous musical training required.

Presenter: Anna Plaskett is an accredited music therapist and the owner of Heartsparks Music Therapy. She shares music with children in many settings. She specializes in working with youth at risk and with individuals with special needs.

Fundamental Movement Skills

***Preschool
9:00 – noon**

***School Age
1:00 – 4:00**

**\$40.00 per
session**



Moving is such a familiar part of childhood that we expect that children who are running and active will develop their skills naturally. It seems so natural but Early Childhood Educators have a huge role to play in supporting children to move with competence and confidence. Throwing, catching and jumping are a just a few of the skills needed for sport and the development of a life-long enjoyment of physical activity. Come learn how to observe and support the development of physical literacy in young children through gaining a better understanding of age and stage appropriate Fundamental Movement Skills.

Presenter: David Hubley is a retired Phys. Ed. teacher who worked with all ages of children while teaching. Dave is the Master Learning Facilitator for (FMS) in Nova Scotia. He is a passionate about improving the competency and confidence of movement in children and is looking forward to working with early childhood educators in this very important area of child development.

Fees are non-refundable. The College accepts in-person debit or credit card payments, in addition to cash or cheque. A voucher will be issued if the College is notified of cancellation a minimum of 7 days before the scheduled workshop date. Non-attendance does not constitute cancellation. \$10 fee to replace a lost certificate. \$25 fee for NSF cheque. Contact Carrie Melsom, Resource Centre Coordinator, 423-7114 ext. 227 with questions, comments, or concerns about this workshop series.

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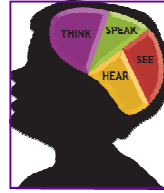


Personality Dimensions & Team Building

This full-day training is based on recent personality and temperament theory and is designed to help people better understand themselves and others. Afternoon activities will focus on team building. Staff teams and individuals will enjoy this highly interactive training. Come learn about supporting and encouraging others, organizing effective teams and appreciating individual preferences. Please note: this workshop includes the material covered in the 3-hour Personality Dimensions training.

**Saturday,
April 26
9:00 AM –
3:30 PM
\$80.00**

Presenter: Janet Boutillier, M.ED, is a certified facilitator for Personality Dimensions and Instructor at NSCECE. In addition to teaching courses in Research Issues and Interpersonal Communication she offers professional development workshops in team building and working well with families.



The Brain & Behaviour

Young children face many challenges when brain development doesn't happen normally in-utero. Come spend the day with Leah and discuss typical and atypical in-utero brain development, how these challenges play out later in development and in our classrooms, and what are some helpful strategies and interventions that ECEs can use when they encounter these types of challenges.

**Saturday,
April 26
9:00 AM –
3:30 PM
\$80.00**

Presenter: Leah Doiron (Quilty), MA CYS, She works for Eskasoni and manages the FAS program. Leah provides in-home intervention to children at-risk or diagnosed with developmental delay, and educates parents, caregivers, early childhood educators, and teachers about the effects that prenatal exposure to alcohol can have on development, learning, social skills and behaviour.

Look for the workshop symbol

The college offers a wide variety of workshops each year to help meet the diverse professional development needs of people working in early learning and child care settings. It is our belief that people at different stages of their career look for different types of professional development opportunities and are interested in different types of conversations about their work. Look for these symbols on our workshop schedules to help you decide if a workshop fits your stage of development.

Budding: Just starting your career in early childhood education? These workshops are designed to meet your early needs and to prepare you for the challenges that lie ahead.

Advancing: Growing in your career? Past the basics? These workshops provide advanced training for maturing early childhood educators, which will reinvigorate you and motivate you to climb a little higher.

Master: These workshops are designed to challenge seasoned early childhood educators who have a rich background in ELCC. You'll dig deeper and find new and innovative information for your maturation and skill level.

Something here for everyone.

Of course, these symbols are just a guideline. We hope they are helpful to you as you make your choices. We look forward to your suggestions and feedback about our workshops to help us fine tune programming for the next term. Please call 423-7114 Ext.227.

NSCECE JOB FAIR

NSCECE will be hosting its annual Job Fair on Wednesday, January 29, 3:30—5:30 at 6208 Quinpool Road, Halifax.

This is a unique recruiting possibility and a wonderful opportunity to meet our first and second year students. NSCECE expects to graduate over 40 students in May 2014. Students are looking forward to sharing their resumes and getting a chance to find out more about your program. **Contact Barbara Rowe 423-7114 Ext 224.**

NSCECE 2014 Winter Workshop Planner

Please use this planner to help organize your workshop registration. Where there are multiple participants for a workshop **please include full names on a separate sheet** that includes the workshop title. Registration is only accepted with a payment. The College will accept in-person debit or credit card payments, in addition to cash or cheques. Forward payment to: NSCECE, 6208 Quinpool Road, Halifax NS B3L 1A3. Inquiries: (902)423-7114 Ext. 233. Check www.nscece.ca for updates on full workshops.

No phone registrations accepted. Workshop fees are non-refundable. A voucher will be issued if the College is notified of cancellation a minimum of 7 days before the scheduled workshop date.

Workshop	Presenter	Date	Cost	#Participants	Total Amount
<i>Focus: Curriculum</i>					
The Theory of Loose Parts	Elizabeth Hicks	February 4 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Using Music in Early Childhood	Anna Plaskett	February 22 1:00-4:00 PM	\$40.00		
“Power Play”	Shari Ridgewell	March 22 9:00-3:30 PM	\$80.00		
Fundamental Movement Skills— Preschool	David Hubley	March 22 9:00-noon	\$40.00		
Fundamental Movement Skills— School Age	David Hubley	March 22 1:00-4:00 PM	\$40.00		
<i>Focus: Preschool Care and Education</i>					
Partnering for Play (Repeat)	Debbie Thompson	February 11 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Recognizing the Potential of What You Have	Lisa Davies	March 4 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Using the Cycle of Inquiry	Susan Stacey	April 1 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Provocations and Play	Angela McNamara	April 8 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Are You Curious About Nature Kin- dergartens?	Bernadette Fegan	April 22 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		
<i>Focus: Observation and Behaviour Guidance</i>					
Connect Before You Correct: The Power of Relationship	Elizabeth Cormier	January 21 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Let’s Play a Game—Practicing Skills to Improve Behaviour	Carrie Melsom	February 18 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		
<i>Focus: Becoming a Professional</i>					
Emotional Intelligence & the Early Childhood Educator (Repeat)	Lisa Davies	January 28 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Sharing Our Stories—Documenting Our Success	Carrie Melsom	March 18 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Personality Dimensions & Team Building	Janet Boutilier	April 26 9:00-3:30 PM	\$80.00		



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Centre Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

NSCECE 2014 Winter Workshop Planner

2014 Winter Evening Courses:

- **ECE 217** Health & Safety Wednesdays
- **ECE 204** Infant & Toddler Care Wednesday/Thursdays
- **ECE 113** Introduction to Curriculum Tuesday/Thursdays

Inquiries (902) 423-7114 or info@nscece.ca Visit www.nscece.ca for more details

Workshop	Presenter	Date	Cost	#Participants	Total Amount
<i>Focus: Diversity & Inclusion</i>					
Partnering with Families of Children with Special Needs (Repeat)	Debbie Thompson	February 25 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		
The Brain and Behaviour	Leah Doiron	April 26 9:00-3:30 PM	\$80.00		
<i>Focus: Infant and Toddler Care</i>					
The Power & Necessity of Co-Regulation in the Early Years	Lisa Brett	March 25 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		
<i>Focus: General Interest</i>					
What's Holding You Back?	Elizabeth Cormier	February 22 9:00-3:30 PM	\$80.00		
Story Writing for a Young Audience	Cynthia d'Entremont	April 15 7:00-9:00 PM	\$40.00		



ALL TOGETHER NOW!

Inclusion Support Group

We meet 9:00—11:00 AM on the last Monday of each month at NSCECE. Join colleagues for facilitated discussion about issues relating to inclusive early learning programs. Share strategies, insights, and challenges as part of a learning community.

Call Carrie at 423-7114 Ext. 227

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Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education—Student Success Services

We honour your prior learning through work experience, informal education or training, independent studies, or volunteer activities.

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

You may be eligible for college credits. Any individual with at least five years of early childhood education experience may apply.

Barbara Rowe, Student Success Counselor 902 423-7114 ext.224