



2015 Spring 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)

So Much More Than Words: Young Children & Communication

In this workshop participants will discuss the many ways children communicate. What forms do children use to communicate? What materials do they use? What does multimodal communication refer to? A variety of active learning methods will provide participants with an opportunity to consider the natural expressiveness of children and the many ways they can show you what they are thinking and learning. This workshop will encourage you to value, notice and respond to the many modes of communication occurring in your classrooms.

Maurica Millett (ECE) has been an educator for 17 years. Before moving to Nova Scotia she managed her own licensed centre and served on provincial professional development teams in New Brunswick. A love of learning and making a difference in the lives of others inspires her in her ECE practice.
April 14, 2015

Enjoying Healthy Foods With Young Children

Join Megan and Michelle, past NSCECE summer interns, for an interactive and fun approach to the topic of nutrition for young children. They will share current research, recipes and tips designed to help early childhood educators meet the nutritional needs of the children in their care. Participants will also explore some of the common challenges experienced in group care during mealtimes and consider strategies that can help everyone have a positive and healthy mealtime experience.

Megan Phillips & Michelle Higgins are students in Applied Human Nutrition who are interested in wellbeing and nutrition for all age groups. While working at NSCECE they had an opportunity to learn about the early years and consider the needs of young children in group care settings.
April 21, 2015

Preschool Dramatic Play: Much More Than Housekeeping

Dramatic play is about more than a kitchen corner and dress-up clothes. This workshop will highlight the development of dramatic play in young children and show how you can adapt and prepare dramatic play experiences for various ages. In this workshop participants will broaden their focus and change their planning for dramatic play so that it is based on designing for experiences. Let your creativity and provision of simple prop boxes lead you and the children on new adventures.

Debbie Thompson is an MSVU Child Studies graduate. She is currently working as an EIBI Program Implementer for the IWK. Debbie has offered many upbeat and energetic workshops for NSCECE over the years. She is pulling this oldie but goody out of the tickle trunk just for you!
April 28, 2015

Messing About with Cardboard

Cardboard is a readily available, affordable, and surprisingly diverse material that is full of play possibilities. Inspired by the messing about workshops of the *Hawkins Centers for Learning*, this workshop will offer participants about an hour of unguided exploration with materials during which they can construct, probe, experiment and play. This inquiry and the learning about the potentials, properties and dilemmas that exist in cardboard will be followed by an opportunity to think together and create possible cardboard invitations and provocations for children.

Nicki Beck is a full-time faculty member at the Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education. She holds an MA (CHYS) and also has a rich background in practice having worked for over fifteen years in local early learning and child care programs.
May 5, 2015

Messing About with Natural Materials & Enjoying Nature

Natural items are readily available, affordable, and diverse materials that are full of possibility. Inspired by the messing about workshops of the *Hawkins Centers for Learning* this workshop will offer participants about an hour of unguided exploration with materials during which they can construct, probe, experiment and play. This inquiry and the learning about the potentials, properties and dilemmas that exist in natural materials will be followed by an opportunity to think together and create possible nature-based invitations and provocations for children.

Karen Patterson is the Assistant Director and Inclusion Coordinator at Leeds Street Child Care Centre as well as an advisor with the Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education Guided Workplace Experience course.

May 12, 2015

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. To subscribe to the newsletter and receive workshop information follow the subscription link at www.nscece.ca.

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



Articulation Workshop (Repeat)

Have you ever had difficulty understanding children in your classroom? How clear should their speech be at age 3, 4 and 5? Come to this workshop to learn about the differences between a speech delay versus a language delay, production and expectation of sounds at different ages, and how to coach and model for a speech delay. You will learn when to make a referral to NSHSC and how to discuss this issue with parents.

Krista Wardrope is a communication technician with Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech. She has a background in early childhood education and currently works with children with a variety of communications disorders.

May 19, 2015



Health and Safety: Anaphylaxis in Child Care Settings

This workshop focuses on Anaphylaxis education for those working in child care settings. From dispelling myths around allergies to recommendations on policies and procedure; from emergency response to the use of auto injectors; participants will leave with a solid understanding of how to assist and support any child or staff member who may be having a reaction while in their centre. The presentation is prepared by Anaphylaxis Canada and delivered by Bernadette Fegan.

Bernadette Fegan, founder of MIND Early Childhood Development Consultancy, has over twenty-five years experience in the field of early childhood development, education and care. Bernadette focuses her time and energy on making improvements in nurturing and development in the early years.
May 26, 2015



Making Naptime Enjoyable for Everyone

Naptime: Some days it goes smoothly and other days...not so much. We know that naptime is important for children in order to recharge and be prepared for the rest of the day. But how do we handle it when some children sleep and others don't? Or when some need shorter naps than others? Naptime can be a special time for individual learning and being prepared with quiet activities means everyone benefits. Participants will look at examples of quiet activities and create their own classroom nap bags using various materials and supplies.

Tamara Jennex is an MSVU Child and Youth Study graduate who has worked in the ECE field since 1998. She has primarily worked in inclusive settings with children with special needs and their families. She is currently working as an Assistant Coordinator with the YWCA Family Home Daycare Program.
June 2, 2015



Recipes From the Mud Kitchen (Repeat)

If you've ever made a mud pie you'll understand how engaging mud can be. Dirt and water are readily available loose parts and mixing them together can be a compelling sensory and pretend play activity. If you follow any ECE blogs or pages you've likely seen photos of mud kitchens popping up in playgrounds around the world. Messy but fun makes sense to some but may be challenging for others. Come learn about the benefits of this type of play and work through the whys and hows of creating outdoor environments that support this type of play.

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.
June 9, 2015

Free

Special Event

The Early Years: The Precious Years

Mary Gordon

Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education
6208 Quinpool Road, Halifax, NS

E-Mail: circulation@nscece.ca to reserve your space
3:00 - 5:00 PM May 8, 2015

Free

Panel Discussion

Welcome Back from Reggio

Folks just back from a study tour in Reggio Emilia, Italy will share their thoughts, impressions and adventures.

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7:00 - 9:00 PM June 12, 2015

"I loved the sharing of ideas, the new ways of looking at things, and the new ideas to try in our centre. It was a great workshop. Thanks."

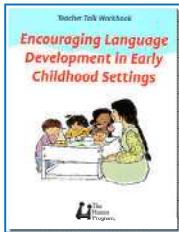


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2015 Saturday Spring Workshops

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)**



Teacher Talk: Encouraging Language Development

Encouraging Language Development addresses how early childhood educators can use everyday conversations, play, and daily routines to promote children's communication and social development. Learn to meet the needs of all children, including those with language delays and second language learners; recognize and respond to children's conversational styles; follow the child's lead; and ensure no child is left out of interactions during group activities.

**Saturday,
April 25
9:00 —
3:30
\$90
includes
workbook**

Presenter: Brenda MacKay is a speech-language pathologist with Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Centres. She is a trainer for the Hanen program and has worked in early childhood classrooms for over 15 years. She currently consults in classrooms with children who have communication challenges.



EXPANDING ON ART: (REPEAT) Deepening art exploration with children

Do you find yourself a loss when it comes to exploring art with children? Are you unsure of what art should be? Do you feel as if you do not know enough about art, or have enough skill, to work with children beyond the usual drawing and painting? If so this workshop is for you. Come in to be part of a hands on exploration to open your eyes to art. Explore your inner artist and find new ways to be inspired, so you in turn can inspire your children.

**Saturday,
April 25
9:00 AM –
Noon
\$45.00
(materials
included)**



Presenter: Jennifer Solomon (ECE) is a toddler teacher at Jubilee Road Child Care. She uses an emergent approach to curriculum planning and enjoys making art with children. She has offered a number of workshops for NSCECE over the past few years.



Play Skills and the Child with Autism (Repeat)

This workshop will focus on the unique nature and differences in children with autism and their development of play skills. Participants will leave with practical strategies on how to support children on the autism spectrum in play environments and how to scaffold and program for realistic outcomes in this area. Strategies will include information on associative play and facilitating cooperative play with peers. As always, Crystal's workshop will include lots of lively discussion and opportunities for collegial interaction and planning.



**Saturday,
April 25
1:00–4:00 PM
\$40.00**

Presenter: Crystal Harms (M.ED) As the founder of Paths to Learning, Crystal creates, implements and closely follows each client's unique programming, progress, and development. She became a Board Certified Associate Behavior Analyst in 1997.

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Make and Take: Story Props for ECE Classrooms



Saturday, May 9
9:00 - Noon
\$50.00

Presenter:
Christine Kelly is an ECE with a keen interest in making and creating felt stories and puppets for use in her teaching.

Join us for hands-on fun as you craft and create puppets and felt stories under the guidance of longtime Early Childhood Educator Christine Kelly. If you enjoy crafting together consider registering for Christine's afternoon workshop too. All Materials included.

(Repeat)

Make and Take: Quiet Activity Books



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1:00 PM—4:00 PM
\$50.00

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Christine Kelly is an ECE with a keen interest in making and creating felt stories and puppets for use in her teaching.

There are many times during the day when children benefit from an opportunity to work at their own quiet activity. Quiet activity books are sensory and individual; they invite children to play rather than just look. They can be used by children at transition times, at the end of the day when things are winding down, quietly on their beds when others are sleeping, etc. Christine will show you a number of books that she has made and uses with the children in her room and then provide materials and time for you to make a book or two for your own classroom.

(Repeat)

The Ins and Outs of Gardening

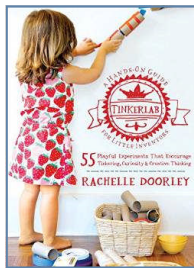


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Gardening is a wonderful, continuous project that can be done with children year round, inside and outside. It teaches children skills to help them live and thrive and inspires deep thinking on many different levels. Join us to learn about some interesting ways to explore gardening and plant growth with children during all seasons in all environments! Materials included.

Explorations in the Tinkerlab



Saturday, May 9
1:00 PM—4:00 PM
\$50.00

Presenter: 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 years.

Join Debbie in a hands-on exploration of some of her favourite playful experiments and activities from Rachelle Doorley's book, *Tinkerlab: a Hands-on Guide for Little Inventors*. Her friendly invitations become progressively more complex as they encourage children to design, build, concoct, and discover in an open-ended way with interesting materials. Participants will have an opportunity to test things out and tinker away, perhaps challenging themselves and discovering something they hadn't discovered before. Materials included.



Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and the Developing Child

In this workshop Leah will provide a morning overview about how alcohol affects brain development, learning and behaviours. In the afternoon session participants will break into groups where they will focus on hands-on activities and case studies.

Leah Doiron (Quilty) is a graduate of the MSVU Child and Youth Studies Masters Program (2008). Since graduation she has worked in the Eskasoni First Nation and is manager of their FAS program. Leah provides in-home intervention to children at risk or diagnosed with developmental delay, and educates parents, caregivers, ECEs, and teachers about the effects that prenatal exposure to alcohol can have on development, learning, social skills and behaviours.

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Saturday, May 23 9:00 AM–3:30 PM

\$80.00 (Please bring a bag lunch)



Why does outdoor play matter? What can children do outside?

Join Bora Kim for a discussion and exploration of current issues in outdoor play for children. A variety of intriguing loose parts will be introduced and participants will explore and consider how these parts can encourage children to engage in creative, stimulating and active outdoor play. This workshop will happen indoors and out. Please dress for the weather.

Outdoor Play!

Saturday, May 23

9:00 - 2:30 PM

\$80

Please bring a bag lunch



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 902.423.7114 Ext.227 or e-mail resourcecentre@nscece.ca.

NSCECE 2015 Spring 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. PayPal is available on the website for on-line payments. Forward payment to: NSCECE, 6208 Quinpool Road, Halifax NS B3L 1A3. Inquiries: (902)423-7114 Ext. 233. Check www.nscece.ca for updates about which workshops are full.

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. Vouchers are redeemable for up to one year.

Workshop	Presenter	Date	Cost	#Participants	Total Amount
Focus: Curriculum					
Expanding on Art: Deepening Art Exploration with Children (Repeat)	Jennifer Solomon	April 25 9:00 - Noon	\$45.00		
Preschool Dramatic Play: Much More Than Housekeeping	Debbie Thompson	April 28 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		
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Messing About with Natural Materials & Enjoying Nature	Karen Patterson	May 12 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Outdoor Play (dress for the weather)	Bora Kim	May 23 9:00 - 2:30 PM	\$80.00		
Recipes from the Mud Kitchen (Repeat)	Lisa Davies	June 9 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Focus: Preschool Care and Education					
So Much More Than Words	Maurica Millett	April 14 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Enjoying Healthy Foods With Young Children	Megan Phillips & Michelle Higgins	April 21 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Anaphylaxis in Child Care Settings	Bernadette Fegan	May 26 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Making Naptime Enjoyable for Everyone	Tamara Jennex	June 2 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		



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NSCECE 2015 Spring Workshop Planner

2015 Spring Evening Courses:

- **ECE 157** Behaviour Guidance Wednesdays/Thursdays
- **ECE 111** Observing & Recording Wednesdays
- **ECE 311** Research Issues Mondays
- **ECE 406** Program Planning for Children With Special Needs Tuesdays/Thursdays

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<i>Focus: Diversity and Inclusion</i>					
Teacher Talk: Encouraging Language Development	Brenda MacKay	April 25 9:00 - 3:30	\$90.00		
Play Skills & the Child with Autism (Repeat)	Crystal Harms	April 25 1:00 - 4:00 PM	\$40.00		
Articulation Workshop (Repeat)	Krista Wardrope	May 19 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and the Developing Child	Leah Doiron	May 23 9:00 - 3:30 PM	\$80.00		



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 Melsom 902.423.7114.227

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