



School District 60 (Peace River North)

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Dear SD60 Education Assistants,

RE: SD60/Northern Lights College EA Training Partnership 2020-2022

School District 60 remains committed to supporting our Education Assistants' work towards certification. The district continues to work in a partnership with Northern Lights College and their EA certification program. The traditional SSEAC modules are no longer available and the existing PLAR table is now being phased out. Please note that the EA Partnership is open to SD60 employees only.

During this transition, SD60 Educational Assistants will have until December 1, 2020 to request credit under the previously used SSEAC/EDAS table based arrangement. NLC course credit granted under this model will continue to be assessed at no cost until the arrangement ceases on December 1st, 2020. Please contact Cindy Page at NLC to discuss any outstanding credits. Her contact information is listed below.

Moving forward, we are now working with NLC, who have recently reviewed their online courses they offer in the EA Certificate Program. Under this partnership, this will include:

1. NLC offering special sections explicitly for SD60 Educational Assistants;
2. Tuition will be discounted to \$69.74 per credit (Cost = \$209.22 over 3-credit course) under this partnership.
3. SD60 Educational Assistants taking a NLC Educational Assistant course, will have the opportunity to apply to have their course fee reimbursed upon completion through a SD60 established professional development fund. Each year funds will be set aside. The reimbursement will be based on a first come first serve basis until funds are fully allocated.

Process for Applying for Reimbursement of Course Fees:

To apply for this opportunity, EAs are asked to complete the attached form in advance of their course and submit to Michella Braun, Admin Assistant at Learning Services. Applicants will be notified upon approval of their request.

Upon completion of the course, you are asked to submit confirmation of completion and proof of payment obtained to Michella for reimbursement. The application form is attached to this letter with specific instructions for making a request. As indicated, we are asking employees to email requests to the attention: Michella Braun at learningservices@prn.bc.ca

EDAS 154:

EDAS 154 no longer exists as a course at NLC. Any EA that has been identified by **SD60 as having all 3 SSEAC modules for EDAS 154, but not the SD60 portfolio component will be provided an opportunity to complete the remaining requirements** in consultation with SD60. Any Educational Assistant, meeting the above mentioned criteria, are encouraged to contact Keith MacGillivray, District Principal Learning Services to discuss some bridging options.

<p>EDAS 154: Education Assistant Professional (This course is no longer available in the revised program)</p>	<p>SD60 Portfolio (9 hrs)</p>	<p>Module 4: (9 hrs) Basic Sign Language</p> <p>Module 5: (15 hrs) Understanding Common Medical Issues</p> <p>Module 10: (12 hrs) Supporting Youth Transition to Employment, Careers, and Independence</p>	<p>Students who have been identified by SD60 as having all 3 SSEAC modules but not the SD60 portfolio component will be provided an opportunity to complete the remaining requirements in consultation with SD60</p> <p>Students who do meet the above criteria, will be directed to enroll in a new EDAS elective in place of EDAS 154.</p>
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Education Assistants who are interested in pursuing further studies and/or are in transition from the previous PLAR table are encouraged to visit the NLC links below, or to contact the personnel listed below for further information:

NLC Education Assistant Program: Some useful information and a course calendar can be found at the links below. Karen Geisbrecht as Dept Clerk at NLC can serve as a useful resource to answer any questions:

EA Admissions:

<https://www.nlc.bc.ca/Admissions/Education-Assistant-Admissions>

EA Certificate Program:

<https://www.nlc.bc.ca/Programs/All-Programs-Alphabetical/Education-Assistant-Certificate>

EA Diploma Program:

<https://www.nlc.bc.ca/Programs/All-Programs-Alphabetical/Education-Assistant-Diploma>

If you have any questions regarding the SD60/NLC Partnership, please contact:

School District 60 (Peace River North)	Northern Lights College, EA Program
<p data-bbox="272 701 730 926">Mrs. Michella Braun, Admin Assistant, SD60/NLC EA Training Partnership Learning Services (250) 262-6087 michellabraun@prn.bc.ca</p> <p data-bbox="261 972 738 1157">Mr. Keith MacGillivray District Principal, Inclusive Education Learning Services (250) 262-6075 kmacgillivray@prn.bc.ca</p>	<p data-bbox="967 701 1279 867">Mrs. Karen Giesbrecht Program Support Clerk ECE/EA Program, NLC (250) 787-6234 ece-ea-office@nlc.bc.ca</p> <p data-bbox="967 938 1274 1104">Mrs. Cindy Page Chair ECE/EA Program, NLC (250) 787-6234 ece-ea-chair@nlc.bc.ca</p>

Please refer to the Memorandum of Agreement between SD60 & NLC, dated October. 8, 2020.

Sincerely,



Keith MacGillivray
District Principal, Inclusive Education
Learning Services