

Fundamentals for Early Childhood Professionals

Fundamentals for Early Childhood Professionals is a 45-hour non-credit training series that helps you build a foundation of knowledge and best practice for working with groups of young children. Currently, this training is available in an online real-time format with sessions held online via Zoom.



Online Real-Time

45 hours of group training using real-time technology, led by qualified instructors



Canvas

Online system for training resources and assignments

Fundamentals for Early Childhood Professionals includes the following:

- 45 hours of training
 - Divided into 15, three-hour sessions usually offered over 15 weeks
 - Two hours of instruction on Zoom and an additional one hour of online work per week
- Multiple assignments completed outside of class including reaction papers, a project, and two written observations of children
- An observation of you working with a group of children (Observation of the Practitioner)
- An overview of all introductory-level core knowledge areas important to working with young children and their families

Training Costs:

- When you take Fundamentals with Northern Lights, you'll pay \$50.



Key Requirements

- Introduction to Licensing is required. This training will be offered multiple times throughout the semester.
- You must not miss more than two class sessions
- You must communicate and make a plan with your Northern Lights Resource Advisor if you miss more than two classes and/or are missing any work after the final night of class

Why Fundamentals?



It provides one way to meet the education requirements for Level I on the Early Childhood Career Ladder



It provides one way to meet the staff qualifications education requirement for a Teacher Assistant role in a regulated child care program in Vermont

Important Links:

- [Northern Lights Website](#)
- [Fundamentals Registration Guide](#)
- [Contact Page for Northern Lights Staff](#)
- [Early Childhood Career Ladder](#)