



SUPPORT STAFF CAREERS

educational assistant classifications

Educational Assistants support students with diverse learning and developmental needs to promote engagement, growth and success in the classroom. Review the descriptions to see if your experience matches any of the categories.

Autism

Supporting Autistic students with social connection, communication and self-regulation in the learning environment. Providing individualized, one-on-one support to a student within an inclusive setting.

Behaviour disorders— *mild to moderate*

Supporting students identified with mild to moderate social, emotional and behavioural regulation needs. Providing one-on-one support to a student within an inclusive setting, focused on building self-regulation, positive relationships and engagement in learning.

Behaviour disorders—*severe*

Supporting students with significant, social, emotional and behavioural regulation needs. Assisting students who require consistent individualized support to develop self-regulation, build positive relationships and participate safely in the learning environment.

Blindness and visual impairment

Supporting students who are blind or have low vision in accessing learning and participating fully in the classroom environment.

Community Learning Skills program

Supporting students with moderate cognitive disabilities and developmental support needs. Focused on developing academic, communication and personal skills to support participation in the classroom, school and community.

Deaf or hard of hearing

Supporting students who are deaf or hard of hearing, including those who use American Sign Language (ASL) to access learning and participate in the classroom environment.

English as an Additional Language

Supporting students who are developing proficiency in spoken and written English to access learning and participate in the classroom.

Individual Support program—*medically complex needs*

Supporting **Kindergarten to Grade 6** or **Grade 7 to 12** students with significant developmental and learning needs who may also experience physical, sensory, behavioural or health needs. Support may include assistance with personal and medical care such as G-tube feeding, catheterization, suctioning, seizure management and lifting.

Includes support for Grade 7 to 12 students who may be Autistic and benefit from support with communication, social connection and self-regulation.

Knowledge and Employability

Assisting junior and senior high students working at an elementary instructional level in exploring their vocational interests and skills.

Interactions program

Supporting Autistic students in developing communication, social connection and self-regulation skills.

Literacy program

Supporting students with diverse cognitive and learning needs. Focused on developing literacy, numeracy, citizenship and vocational skills to promote engagement and success in the classroom and community.

Opportunity program

Supporting students with mild cognitive disabilities and diverse learning needs. Focused on developing literacy and numeracy skills and applying academic, social, work and life skills to promote participation and success in the classroom, school and community.

Physical and health support needs

Supporting **Kindergarten to Grade 6** or **Grade 7 to 12** students with chronic health conditions and physical disabilities. Support may include assistance with personal and medical care such as G-tube feeding, catheterization, suctioning, seizure management and lifting.

Pre-Kindergarten program

Supporting children ages 2 ½ to 5 ½ with diverse developmental needs fostering early learning, growth and engagement in the classroom and community.

Strategies program

Supporting students with learning disabilities and diverse learning needs focusing on developing academic skills and promoting engagement and success in the classroom.