



# THE PRESCHOOL EDUCATOR TRAINING SURVIVAL KIT

## It's your calling.

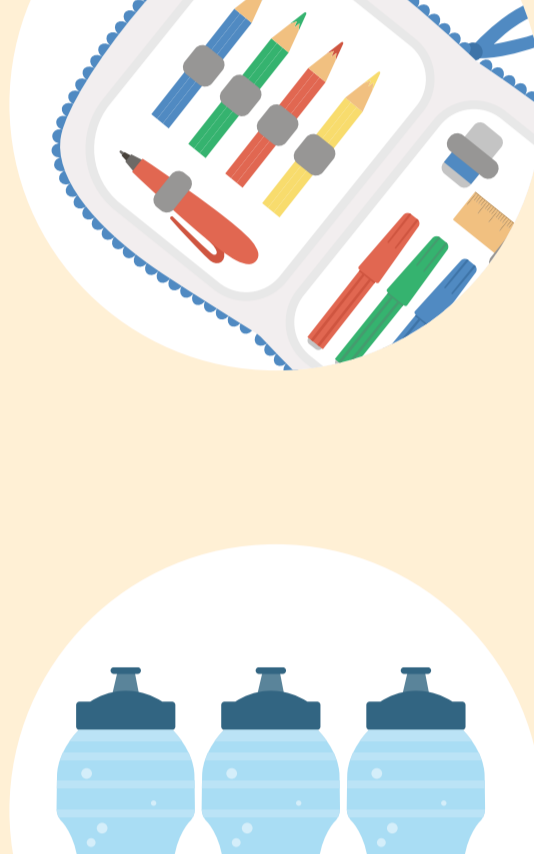
You've been dubbed the kid whisperer by friends and family, you love spending time with young children, and they love spending time with YOU! More than that, you're aching for the chance to be part of their earliest years in the classroom, laying the foundation for their learning.

Before you start making a difference in little lives, you'll need to have some important "supplies" you can pick up during your training.



## YOUR EC TRAINING PACKING LIST

Ready to go? NIEC preps you for the rewarding world of being an educator to young children. Once you've loaded up on these, you'll graduate immediately ready to take the early childhood sector head-on!



### ▶ A 6-PACK OF SKILLS

You'll learn about the different learning areas that go into a preschool curriculum, like Numeracy and Music & Movement. And it won't just be through textbooks, you'll get to go on field trips, microteach (where you pretend to conduct a lesson with your peers acting as preschoolers!), and through real-life scenarios.

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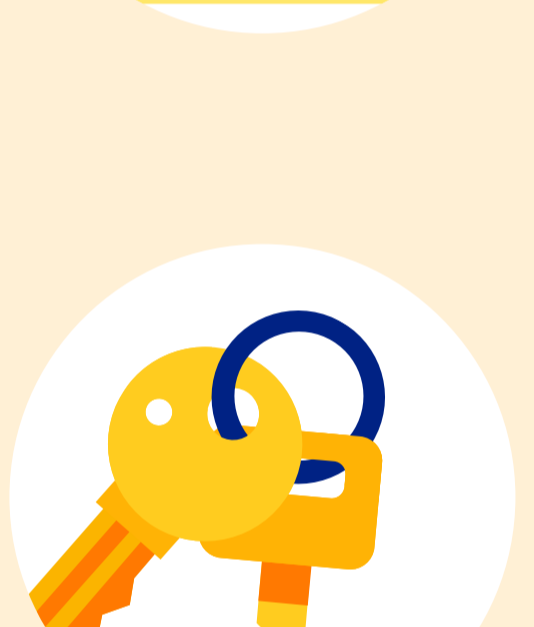
### ▶ A FEW BOTTLES OF PRACTICE-ORIENTED LEARNING

We're big on practice-oriented learning - which means practicums and internships at early childhood centres are very important! You'll get to experience what it's like working in a centre, even before you graduate.



*"Our campuses have infant care practice stations and dedicated rooms for modules such as Music & Movement and even Motor Skills Development! This allows us to learn in really authentic environments, with equipment that exist in preschools too!"*

*Danissa Koh, NIEC (NP), previously from Hua Yi Secondary School*



### ▶ CONTACT CARDS OF SOME OF THE BEST EC FACULTY

You're not in this alone - you'll get the expert guidance of some of the best early childhood lecturers we have to offer. They come with industry experience and have a diverse range of expertise in areas such as early intervention and visual arts.

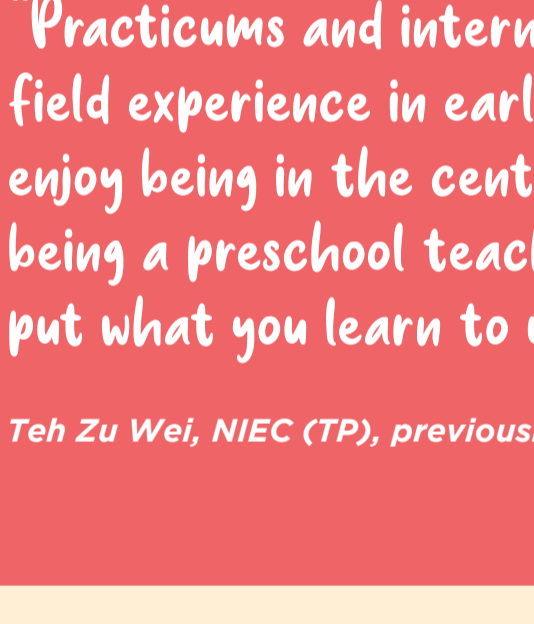
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### ▶ KEYS TO AUTHENTIC LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Explore some of our early childhood learning facilities with our student guides. Let them show you around!

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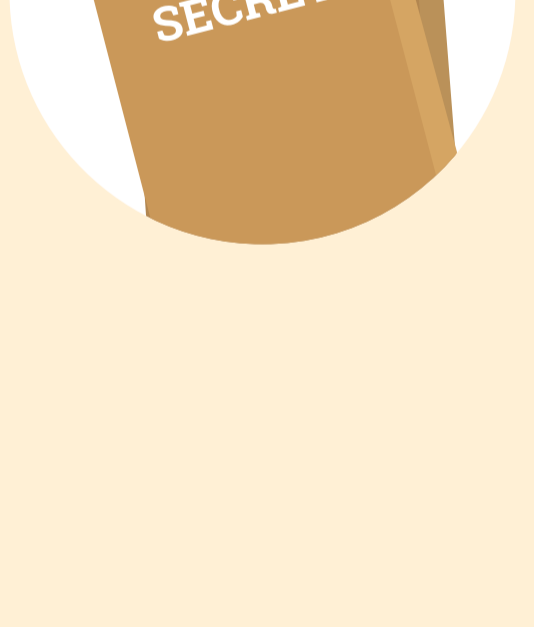


### ▶ MEMBERSHIP INTO THE WIDER EC FRATERNITY

We may have 3 campuses but it does not matter which campus you're at, you'll get the same quality training as a student in another. Being part of one of the 3 campuses also means that you'll be invited to exclusive cross-campus seminars and events!

*"Practicums and internships are where you get field experience in early childhood centres. I really enjoy being in the centre as you get a feel of what being a preschool teacher is like and you get to put what you learn to use in a real-life setting!"*

*Teh Zu Wei, NIEC (TP), previously from Springfield Secondary School*



### ▶ SECRET WEAPON: YOUR DUAL-IDENTITY

When you enrol as a student in NIEC (ITE), NIEC (NP) or NIEC (TP), you're instantly bestowed the super power of having "DUAL-IDENTITY". You get to be a student of NIEC and one of your chosen poly or ITE. This means that you'll receive the quality training from NIEC and enjoy perks from the individual campuses - like access to facilities, student support services and overseas trips!

## DON'T FORGET TO BRING

(Psst, you should already have all of these!)

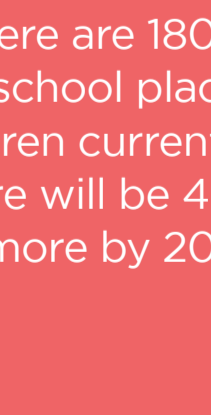


## How to get course sponsorship, monthly allowance and more

The Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) offers the ECDA Training Award to students\* of EC courses. You get perks like course sponsorship, grants for study-related expenses and professional development and networking opportunities.

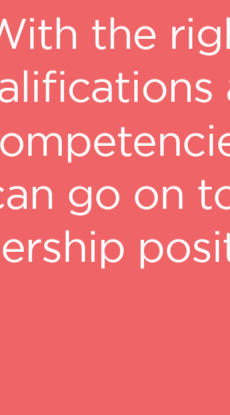
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## More reasons to join the sector?



### Growing Demand for Preschool Educators

There are 180,000 preschool places for children currently, and there will be 40,000 more by 2023.



### Great Career Progression

With the right qualifications and competencies, you can go on to be in leadership positions.



### Support from the Government

The government is spending more than \$2 billion to support the sector!

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COURSES	CAMPUS	APPLY VIA
<b>Diploma in Early Childhood Development &amp; Education (N96 &amp; T68)</b> All you need to know about teaching children between 18 months and 6 years old. Learn about child development, and early childhood care and education for infants and young children.	NIEC (NP) NIEC (TP)	JAE EAE PFP
<b>Diploma in Chinese Studies (Early Childhood Teaching) (N70)</b> The first and only course at polytechnic level where you can build a solid foundation in Chinese history and culture but also understand how early education affects a child's development. More than two-thirds of the course is taught in Chinese.	NIEC (NP)	JAE EAE PFP
<b>Diploma in Tamil Studies with Early Education (N95)</b> Immerse yourself in Tamil history, literature and culture while gaining insight into curriculum planning, classroom management and the socio-emotional wellbeing of children.	NIEC (NP)	JAE EAE
<b>Higher Nitec in Early Childhood Education (V42)</b> Gain the skills you need to plan and implement activities in kindergartens and childcare centres. Guide children in their daily activities and manage their safety, health and nutrition needs.	NIEC (ITE)	JAE EAE

JAE - Joint Admissions Exercise  
 EAE - Early Admissions Exercise  
 PFP - Poly Foundation Programme

