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Author Guidelines for The Early Childhood Educator

About *The Early Childhood Educator*

The *Early Childhood Educator* is the quarterly professional journal of the Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia (ECEBC). Our goal is to keep ECEBC members and others in the early learning community informed about current issues, research, and policies in early childhood education. Our readers include early childhood educators, family child care providers, administrators, college and university instructors, students, researchers, policy analysts, and child care advocates.

Writing style

- Most articles published in the journal are between 700 and 1,800 words in length, but we recognize that some topics may require additional length.
- Use clear, plain, and accessible language. Avoid jargon where possible.
- Write in the active voice. For example: “The educators planned the activity,” rather than “Plans were made by the educators.”
- All articles are edited for clarity and consistency, but authors are responsible for the accuracy of all facts, names, dates, references, and quotations.

Photos and other visuals

We encourage authors to include visuals that enhance understanding or help tell the story. These may include (high-resolution photographs (submitted as JPGs), children’s art, charts or graphs)

Notes:

- You may embed photos in your Word document to suggest placement, but you must also send separate high-resolution JPGs of all images.
- For all photos of children, a signed ECEBC Permission Form is required (see page 2 of the guidelines).

Preparing your submission

To help streamline the editorial process, please follow these guidelines:

- Please email your article as a Word document (.doc or .docx) attached to your email.
- Please do not format your article. The editor will handle formatting.
- Use APA, 7th edition for all references and citations:
 - For books: Author name(s), book title, publisher, place of publication, and year.
 - For articles: Author name(s), article title, journal name, publication date, volume, and issue number.
- Include a short author biography (one or two sentences) with your submission.

Submitting your article

- Email your submission to the Journal Committee Co-Chairs, Cari Rawling, CRawling@ecebc.ca and Dawn Way dawn.way.ece@gmail.com.
- **Note:** We welcome article submissions from early childhood educators and others in the field. If you are submitting a piece that has not been requested by the Journal Committee, your article will be reviewed for potential inclusion in a future issue. If you would like further information about submitting an article, feel free to contact the Managing Editor, Barbara Johnston, at barb@westcoasteditors.com.



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Photo Permission Form for *The Early Childhood Educator*

ECEBC invites you to submit your photos of children and early childhood educators to be considered for *The Early Childhood Educator*. Before sending your photos to ECEBC, please ensure you have the parent's signature for each child, as we must have parental permission for all photos that appear in the Journal. We look forward to receiving your photos.

Date: _____

I, as parent/guardian, give my permission to the Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia (ECEBC) to use this photo of my child in the journal, *The Early Childhood Educator*.

I understand that no payment will be made for these photos.

Child's name

Parent's signature

Photo credit: _____

Centre director: _____

The ECEBC Journal Committee thanks you for sharing your photos with us.

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