

DENAE LAFFERTY

Early Childhood Educator



Profile

Education student working toward a Bachelor of Education with a background in Early Childhood Education. Experienced in classroom instruction, youth programming, curriculum support, and community-based roles. Seeking Summer 2026 employment to continue developing professional skills while supporting children and families.



Work Experience

Lead Instructor

Montessori Preschool – Yellowknife, NT

- Planned and implemented educational and outdoor programming for ages 3–7
- Supported social, emotional, and academic development
- Maintained safe and inclusive classroom environments

Substitute Teacher (Occasional)

Chief Jimmy Bruneau School – Behchokò, NT

- Delivered instruction for JK–12 classrooms
- Adapted to diverse learning needs and classroom environments

Summer Student – Education, Culture & Employment

GNWT – Yellowknife, NT

- Reviewed and provided input on curriculum materials
- Supported departmental education initiatives

Summer Student

Tłjchq Community Services Agency – Behchokò, NT

- Organized and archived Tłjchq language resources
- Assisted with youth literacy and phonological awareness programming

Respite Worker (Casual)

Yellowknife Foster Family Coalition – Yellowknife, NT

- Provided care and recreational programming for children (3 months–17 years)
- Supported foster families in home and community settings

Cashier (Part-Time)

Northern Food Services – Yellowknife, NT

- Customer service and front cashier duties
- Stocking and general store support

Park Helper (Summer Employment)

Fred Henne Park – Yellowknife, NT

- Park maintenance and public space cleaning

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Priority 1 candidate

Education

Early Learning and Childcare Diploma

Aurora College
2021–2023

Bachelor of Education
Thompson Rivers University
2025–2027

Expertise

- Classroom and behaviour management
- Youth mentorship and recreation programming
- Curriculum review and educational planning
- Strong communication and teamwork
- Organization and time management

Leadership and extracurricular involvement

- Volleyball – Potential Volleyball; Canada Summer Games (2017); Arctic Winter Games (2018, 2020)
- Volunteer Coach (Volleyball & Basketball)
- Active participant in school extracurricular sports

References

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Dear Hiring Manager,

I am writing to apply for summer student employment for the upcoming summer. I am currently completing my Bachelor of Education at Thompson Rivers University, with an anticipated graduation in 2027. I previously earned my Early Learning and Childcare Diploma in 2023. I am seeking summer employment that will allow me to continue building my experience working with children, youth, and within professional environments.

Over the past several years, I have worked in educational, community, and recreation-based roles that have strengthened my leadership, organization, and communication skills. Most recently, I worked as a Lead Instructor at a Montessori Preschool in Yellowknife during the summers of 2024 and 2025. In this role, I planned and delivered engaging programming for children ages 3–7, supported their social and emotional development, and maintained a structured, inclusive classroom environment.

I have also worked with the Government of the Northwest Territories in Education, Culture and Employment, where I reviewed curriculum materials and supported departmental initiatives. In addition, my work with the Tłı̨ch̨ Community Services Agency involved organizing and archiving language resources and supporting youth literacy programming. Through substitute teaching and respite work, I have gained valuable experience adapting to diverse needs and building positive relationships with children and families.

As an Indigenous student and future educator, I value culturally responsive and community-based approaches to learning. My experiences working with Tłı̨ch̨ language materials and northern communities have strengthened my commitment to creating educational spaces where students feel seen, valued, and connected to their identity and culture. I believe it is important to support environments that honour language, relationships, and strong community foundations while promoting growth and opportunity for youth.

I am motivated, reliable, and eager to continue learning through meaningful summer employment. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute positively to your team. Thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Denae Lafferty