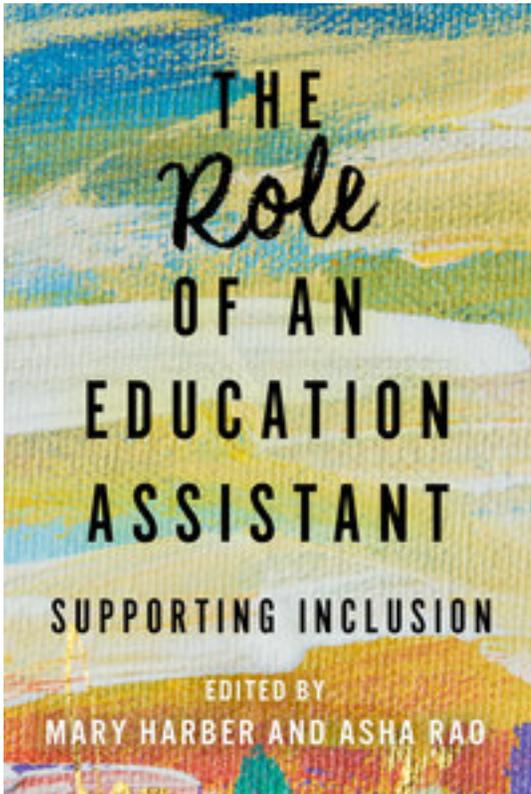


# The Role of an Education Assistant

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‘The Role of an Education Assistant’ offers guidance and insight to students who are learning about the growing and complex role of education assistants. This includes how to support academic, social, inclusive, and independent learning environments in schools and collaborate with parents and teachers in the planning and evaluation of student progress. Divided into four sections, this text addresses education assistant professional standards, mental health and wellness, culture and diversity, and the challenge of supporting all students in the classroom. Professionals and scholars contribute to research, anecdotes, practical insights from the field, and discussion questions to encourage student reflection and professional preparation. Offering practical guidance for inter-professional collaboration and inclusive education, this seminal text will prepare students in education studies, education assistant programs, and early childhood education for rewarding careers in the industry.

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- begins with an introduction from editors who have decades of combined professional experience in child and youth social work, as educators in inclusive environments, and as university and college instructors
- provides a Canada-wide perspective from both accomplished scholars and experienced professionals
- covers the large scope of student learning stages, from early years, through adolescence, to adulthood
- highlights the changing and broadening expectations of education assistants and offers relevant guidance on how to meet diverse needs in modern classrooms

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### Reviews

“Current, relevant, accessible, thoughtful, and CANADIAN... ‘The Role of an Education Assistant’ does a masterful job of providing clarity on the evolution of the role of an education assistant and highlighting the value this educational team member plays in the inclusion of ALL students. I look forward to exploring the chapters’ key ideas as well as engaging in discussion with my students around the questions for reflection.”

—Nora Kennett, Instructor and Practicum Coordinator, Education Assistant Program, Okanagan College

“This text provides insight and strategies for education assistants and teachers to work together to create truly inclusive and supportive classrooms for all students. To build effective teams, all educators will benefit from the roadmap to success detailed in these pages. Facilitating a safe, caring school experience that maximizes learning for Canada’s diverse population is the shared vision, and ‘The Role of an Education Assistant’ offers current, practical steps to get there.”

—Linda Jones, Coordinator, Educational Support Program, Mohawk College

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