

THE NANNY SOLUTION

HOW TO UPGRADE YOUR NANNY SKILLS

If you have been turned away by an agency because you don't have enough childcare experience, don't despair. There are many ways for you to gain more experience, improve your résumé, and land your dream Nanny job in the future!

We have put together a list of suggestions for you below. Once you have gained the experience the agency is looking for, give them a call again in the future. They will be impressed with your hard work and dedication!.

GAIN EXPERIENCE

Look for Nannying jobs on Facebook groups, canadiannanny.com, or indeed.ca (to name a few). Apply with families who do not require as much experience. Work for them for 6 months to a year or more to gain the experience required, and make sure to give 110% to ensure that you get a great reference when you leave.

HAVE A DETAILED CHILDCARE RÉSUMÉ

Make sure your résumé is up to date and has all of your childcare experience listed, including the ages of the children you worked with, duties, and employment dates. You can also check out our video on [5 Tips to Make You Stand Out](#).

GET REFERENCES

When working with new families, be sure you do not leave the position without a written reference letter. The letter should outline how long you have worked for them, how many hours you worked each week, and how old the children in your care were. Of course, some personal aspects of how much the family loved you are always a bonus!

VOLUNTEER

There are lots of places that need help. Volunteer as a sports coach, read to children at school, help at after-school programs, the list goes on.

EDUCATION

Make sure you are constantly seeking out ways to gain new knowledge. Courses on toilet training, sleep training, or infant care are all popular choices. Click on this [link](#) to view a list of course options we've put together.

FIRST AID / CPR

Ensure that your First Aid / CPR is always up to date. It is valid for 3 years. When working with children, it is important to have the skills to deal with emergencies.