

## Announcing

# Early Childhood Bilingual/English as a Second Language Graduate Certificate Program Scholarships

Erikson Institute, in partnership with College of DuPage, is pleased to announce a special scholarship for current early childhood (Pre-K through third grade) teachers. This special scholarship, generously funded by Grand Victoria Foundation, covers up to 75 percent of tuition expenses for the 18-credit-hour graduate certificate program in early childhood bilingual/ESL.

### Program Overview

Erikson Institute, a national leader in child development, early childhood education, and teacher training, is offering the Early Childhood Bilingual/ESL Graduate Certificate Program for teachers in DuPage, Kane and Will counties, as well as south suburban Cook County.

This program prepares teachers to seek early childhood bilingual and/or ESL approval from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). Course work and reflective practice seminars taught by experienced faculty help early childhood teachers prepare to meet the special needs of new language learners in a culturally, linguistically, and developmentally appropriate manner. The program can be completed in 15 months and is approved by ISBE's Division of Professional Certification.

Note: While Illinois state teacher certification is not required for admission to the certificate program, only certified teachers can apply for ISBE bilingual and/or ESL approval.

### Program Highlights

**Generous Scholarship Support:** Up to 75% of tuition expenses are covered by the Grand Victoria funded scholarships for applicants who demonstrate financial need. At this year's tuition, the cost to teachers will be \$193 per credit hour instead of \$770. A 2-credit course will cost \$385 and a 3-credit course will cost \$578. Tuition typically increases slightly each year. You may also have access to a variety of low-interest federal loans to assist with the financing of the remaining tuition and other non-tuition related expenses, contingent upon meeting all eligibility requirements. In order to determine eligibility for the

scholarship and/or federal loans, you must submit the 2010–11 FAFSA no later than June 1, 2010.

**Convenient Location:** All courses will be taught at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn.

**Academic Writing Support:** Small group and one-on-one writing tutorials are designed to improve your note taking, academic writing, and reading skills.

### Commitments

- You will need to make a three-year commitment to teaching in an early childhood classroom upon completion of the certificate program.
- You will take two classes per semester. Each class meets once a week for 2 hours for a 3-credit course or for 1½ hours for a 2-credit course.
- You will spend 6–8 hours a week in addition to the 3½–4 hours of class time each week doing readings and writing papers.
- You will be responsible for a one-time \$40 application fee and \$100 matriculation fee, any portion of tuition not covered by the Grand Victoria scholarship, and approximately \$900 *per year* for student services fees, books and supplies.
- Note: The \$40 application fee will be waived for applications received by January 31, 2010.

### Admission Information

A cohort of 25 teachers will begin the program in fall 2010. The program will be completed in 15 months. The program is designed specifically for early childhood teachers (Pre-K through third grade) working in public, charter, and private schools or community agencies.

“I appreciate that in each class we learned by doing the real thing. Assignments were practical and engaging. They immediately impacted my practice and changed my paradigms. In all our work, the value of the family and the culture that support the ELL student was affirmed.” —Judith Bayley, Class of 2008, early childhood/elementary teacher

### Admission requirements

- A bachelor's degree with a minimum 2.75 GPA on a 4-point scale
- Completion of an Erikson application for admission with three brief personal essays, available at [www.erikson.edu/apply](http://www.erikson.edu/apply)
- Submission of official, sealed transcripts of all previous college-level work
- Submission of three letters of recommendation
- Interview by a member of the Erikson faculty
- Completion of applicant self-disclosure form
- If English is not your first language or if you completed your undergraduate degree at a university where the curriculum was not taught in English, you must submit official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores and indicate how long you have been an English language speaker

The application deadline for the receipt of all materials is **Tuesday, June 1, 2010**. We strongly recommend that you submit all application materials before this date since scholarships will be awarded on a rolling basis.

### For more information

For questions about the admission process, please contact Alex Yang at [AYang@erikson.edu](mailto:AYang@erikson.edu).

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### Course Work for Bilingual/English as a Second Language Graduate Certificate Program (18 credits required)

#### Fall 2010

T408 Foundations of American Schooling and Bilingual Education (3 credits)

B402 Language Development in New Language Learners (3 credits)

#### Spring 2011

B405 Emergent Literacy with New Language Learners (3 credits)

B406 Methods and Materials for Teaching New Language Learners I (2 credits)

#### Summer 2011

C432 Family and Culture (3)

B407 Methods and Materials for Teaching New Language Learners II (2 credits, two-semester course)

#### Fall 2011

B404 Assessment of New Language Learners (2 credits)

B407 Methods and Materials for Teaching New Language Learners II (continued from spring term)

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