



Position Description

POSITION TITLE: Project Director, Family Child Care Professional Development

DEPARTMENT NAME: Distance Learning and Continuing Education

GRADE LEVEL *(HR USE ONLY)*

FLSA STATUS *(HR USE ONLY)*

DATE CREATED: 4/7/15

NEXT REVIEW DATE:

I. POSITION SUMMARY:

Erikson Institute, the nation's leading graduate school in child development located in downtown Chicago, is seeking to hire a full-time, Project Director for a new grant funded professional development initiative for Illinois family child care (FCC) providers. Professional development (PD) programs that specifically support FCC professionals are critical to the implementation of the quality improvement system in Illinois. The Project Director will serve as a FCC content expert, manage content development and conversion, curate and integrate external content and work with the distance learning team, the website and graphics design team and the leadership team to guide the design, development and delivery of a web-based, technology-mediated approach to PD with content and features designed specifically for FCC providers. When built, the FCC portal and related online resources, training materials and modules will support FCC professionals with their professional learning, connect them with other providers and enhance their knowledge and skills needed for success in meeting the standards of ExceleRate Illinois and the IL Family Child Care Credential.

The web-based approach to synchronous and asynchronous PD builds on the effective, engaging and empowering approach to relationship- and community-based online learning developed by the distance learning team at Erikson Institute, and our understanding of how to support adult learners who have limited technology experience or confidence.

As a member of the Distance Learning and Continuing Education Team, this position reports to the Dean of Distance Learning and Continuing Education and works closely with the Assistant Director of Distance Learning and Continuing Education, the Assistant Director of Continuing Education,

the Associate Director of Distance Learning, and collaborates with the Manager of Video and Multimedia, the Instructional Designers, external web and graphics designers, along with Erikson faculty, instructors and content experts to design, develop and deliver highly effective, interactive and engaging web-based professional development experiences, modules and resources specifically for family child care professionals.

This is a grant-funded position with the possibility of an extension depending on funding support and job performance.

II. PRINCIPAL DUTIES:

- A. Provide leadership for the project and manage the connections between the Content and Curriculum Coordinator, FCC content providers and the technical team.
- B. Provide content knowledge in child development and early childhood education along with practical experience in family child care to inform the design process.
- C. Supervise the work of the Content and Curriculum Coordinator.
- D. Work closely with the Assistant Director of Distance Learning and Continuing Education on project management, timelines, deadline and deliverables.
- E. Manage and track the project budget with the finance department in cooperation with the Assistant Director of Continuing Education.
- F. Ensure that the project meets financial reporting requirements and the project deliverables schedule on a monthly basis.
- G. Oversee content development for the website and professional development modules and identify and curate resources from external sources.
- H. Coordinate meetings for the project advisory committee and connect with other Illinois stakeholders and national leaders in family child care.
- I. Collaborate with state agencies and organizations including OECD, DHS, INCCRRA, Gateways, ExceleRate, Illinois Resource Center and Illinois Higher Education Resources online.
- J. Represent the project to the public, to family child care professionals and to professional entities within Chicago, Illinois and the nation.
- K. Perform other duties as assigned.

III. HARDWARE COMPETENCIES:

	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	Expert	Not Applicable
Personal Computer		X			
Copy Machine		X			
Fax Machine		X			

IV. SOFTWARE COMPETENCIES:

	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	Expert	Not Applicable
Microsoft Word		X			
Microsoft Excel		X			

Microsoft Outlook		X			
Microsoft PowerPoint		X			
Microsoft Access					X
OTHER: _____					X

V: PREFERRED HUMAN RELATIONS SKILLS

VI. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITIES

None

VII. PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Advanced degree (Masters or Ph.D.) in child development, social work, or an allied field with training and/or experience related to family child care, early childhood education, child development, adult learning. Experience in providing family child care is desirable.
- Experience with designing and delivering professional development programs.
- Experience with web-based and technology-mediated approaches and solutions for teacher education, adult learning and continuing education is desirable.
- Enthusiasm for researching and experimenting with emerging technologies and methods.
- Project leadership and management experience.
- Excellent organizational skills and capacity to manage details.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to work successfully with a team or alone.
- Ability to manage projects from start to finish.

ABOUT ERIKSON

Founded in 1966, Erikson Institute is one of the nation's leading graduate schools in child development and early childhood education. It is a small, independent, NCA-accredited graduate school offering master's degrees, a Ph.D., graduate certificates, and professional development courses in child development and early childhood education. Erikson provides a variety of employee benefits, including excellent health and dental plans, life/disability insurance, transit stipend, matching retirement contributions, and more. To learn more, visit our Web site at www.erikson.edu.

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Disabilities Act and applicable state and local laws (including during the application or hiring process).

TO APPLY:

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