

Help build a better learning environment for young children

with a Master of Science in Early Childhood Education



Program Specifics

44 Credit Hours

50-57 Credit Hours
with optional endorsements

Learning Format:



Campus

Program Lengths:

Full-time: 2 years or 28 months

Part-time: 3 years

Session Start Dates:

Fall Term (full-time)

Fall or Spring Term (part-time)

Endorsements:

- Early Childhood Bilingual/ESL
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Or both

Master of Science in Early Childhood Education - IL Professional Educator License (PEL)

Prepare to teach young children (birth through 2nd grade) with a Master of Science in Early Childhood Education that leads to initial Illinois teacher licensure. Erikson Institute's early childhood education program provides you with a deep, interdisciplinary understanding of the latest research and theories in early childhood education, child development and teaching methods.

You will take courses in education, child development, and methods of teaching that meet Illinois teacher licensure requirements. This licensure degree program culminates in a two-semester student teacher experience. Erikson also offers two additional Illinois early childhood endorsements: bilingual/English as a second language and the special education credential. Or you can seek both endorsements.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of our Master of Science in Early Childhood Education program can consider careers such as: licensed early childhood teacher, master teacher, education coordinator, early childhood program director, curriculum coordinator, bilingual ESL/ELL teacher, and early childhood special education teacher.

Why Erikson?

- Earn your Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL).
- Add to your credentials with optional endorsements: Bilingual/ESL endorsement or your Early Childhood Special Education letter of approval, and/or LBS1 Early Childhood. Additional courses are required for each of these credentials.
- We offer flexibility with a range of full- and part-time programs.
- Access to dedicated advisors, academic writing support, library, career services and student services.

“While I looked around at other graduate schools, I was drawn to Erikson’s unique emphasis on incorporating culture and diversity into early childhood development approaches.”

Hunter Anderson
Erikson Institute
MS in Early Childhood
Education, '17



We Can Help

Erikson has awarded close to \$2 million in scholarships each year. Based on eligibility, you may have access to a \$15,000 scholarship for full-time program or a \$9,000 scholarship for the part-time program. Scholarship dollars are awarded for the entirety of the program. For the most up to date information on scholarships and financial aid, visit www.erikson.edu/finaid. Our dedicated financial aid staff can help you learn about the options available to you.

Our Mission

Erikson Institute educates, inspires and promotes leadership to serve the needs of children and families so that all can achieve optimal educational, social, emotional, and physical well-being.

The Erikson Approach

Knowledge

Learn how children develop and the complex contextual factors that shape their development.

Practice

Elevate and sharpen your skills through a two-semester student teaching experience.

Reflection

Develop your reflective practice skills in our Integrative Seminars.

A high-quality education that meets your needs



Program flexibility

Attend full or part time.



Erikson culture

Small class sizes and easy access to faculty foster strong learning relationships.



Faculty expertise

Our professors are scholars and advocates for the benefit of children and families.



Industry knowledge

Erikson has over 50 years of experience in early childhood education and child development.

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