Enhance your skills with a Post-MSW PEL Certificate

Program Specifics

14 Credit Hours

Learning Format:
Online

Program Lengths:
Full-time: 9 months

Session Start Date:
Fall Term

Post-Master of Social Work Professional Educator License (PEL) Certificate Program

Erikson Institute uniquely prepares social workers with a deep understanding of child development, critical for social work practice in school settings. School social workers work as a part of a team to support the social and emotional development of PreK-12 grade students and assist them in meeting their academic goals.

This online program allows some flexibility to work with your schedule. You will complete three online courses, and one nine-month field placement in a public-school setting as part of your curriculum. You will also participate in one nine-month online integrative seminar. Attendance on campus is required only twice – once in the Fall and Spring semester. These on-campus visits allow you to meet in person with your classmates for a student-led presentation in your integrative seminars.

Career Opportunities

Within the state of Illinois, you can only be hired as a school social worker if you attain the Professional Educator License. An Erikson PEL will provide you with the knowledge to: assess and serve children who have been traumatized; provide prevention and intervention services to youth, work with parents, teachers, and administrators; and contribute to social work teams who work in a variety of school settings.

Why Erikson?

- Add to your credentials with a school social worker endorsement (required in Illinois).
- As an admitted certificate student, you may be eligible for federal student aid.
- Access to dedicated advisors, library, student services, job board, and career workshops.

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Karla Martinez, Assistant Director of Admission at 312.893.7149 or admission@erikson.edu
We Can Help
Let us help you work towards your dream career. Erikson awards close to $2 million in scholarships each year to our degree and certificate program students. For the most up to date information on scholarships and financial aid, visit www.erikson.edu/finaid. With small classes and easy access to faculty, we focus on creating engaging and long-lasting relationships that will endure beyond graduation. 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 nine-month field placement.

Reflection
Develop your reflective practice skills within an integrative field placement and seminar.

A high-quality education that meets your needs

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.

Erikson prepared school social workers possess knowledge in child development and social emotional learning which grounds their work with youth who have experienced trauma and complex family and community circumstances.”

Associate Professor Cassandra McKay-Jackson, PhD, LCSW, Director, MSW Program

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