

## 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.



**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



### 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](http://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.

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