

Support a child's optimal development

with a Birth to Grade 2 Endorsement



Program Specifics

18 Credit Hours

Learning Format:



Campus

Program Length:

Part-Time: 12 months

Session Start Date:

Spring Term

Early Childhood Education Endorsement

Complete your Birth to Grade 2 endorsement program to prepare for teaching young children.

With over 50 years of experience in early childhood education, our endorsement program will allow you to make an impact on the lives of young children. This 6-course endorsement program is open to students who have a conferred bachelor's degree and are already licensed in Illinois for elementary or middle school grades.

Evolving family structures, the nation's strong labor market, and growing research on the importance of brain development in early education are creating early childhood teacher shortages. Employment of early educators is projected to grow by double digits by 2026. Receive the training you need at Erikson Institute to fill these in-demand roles.

Career Opportunities

Erikson's endorsement program is suitable for early childhood and early elementary educators working in a variety of settings and roles, including: preschools; early child-care programs; public schools; private and charter schools; social service agencies; and curriculum coordinators.

Why Erikson?

- 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.
- Expand your credentials with a Birth to Grade 2 endorsement.
- Develop close and collaborative relationships with faculty from many disciplines.



Illinois has created a new pathway for already-licensed IL teachers to expand their credentials to include working with our youngest children birth to 2nd grade. This new program will help you expand your repertoire of ways of understanding young children and how you can set them on a trajectory of loving school and learning.”

Gillian Dowley McNamee, PhD
Professor, Director,
Teacher Education Program



We Can Help

Erikson awards over \$2 million in scholarships and grants each year. Scholarship dollars are awarded for the entirety of the program. Scholarship and grant eligibility are contingent upon admission and completion of a FASFA. Additional criteria may apply. For the most up to date information on scholarships and financial aid, contact 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 that directly apply to your existing and future career positions.

Reflection

Develop your reflective practice skills in each of your courses.

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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