

## Support a child's optimal development

with a Child Development Certificate



### Program Specifics

18 Credit Hours

Learning Format:



Online

Program Length:  
Part-Time: 2 years

Session Start Dates:  
Fall, Spring, or Summer Term

### Child Development Certificate Program

Erikson Institute is introducing this child development certificate program. With over 50 years of child development knowledge and expertise, Erikson's program will allow you to make an impact on the lives of young children and help them reach their full potential. You will put child development theories into your professional practice with this 18-credit hour certificate program.

You can improve your practice by understanding the development of a child from different disciplines such as neurobiology, developmental psychology, and sociology, among others. Developing a deep understanding of how children thrive in the context of their family, culture, and community can help in your professional capacity. It's never been more important to have skilled practitioners to help set infants and young children up for success.

### Career Opportunities

Erikson's Child Development Certificate program students may consider careers that focus on young children across a multitude of settings such as child services, early education, health care, advocacy and more. Career options include program director/administrator, family/parent support specialist, research/policy specialist and after-school or museum educator.

### 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 expertise beyond this certificate to one of our master's degree programs.
- Develop close and collaborative relationships with faculty from many disciplines.



**The Child Development Certificate Program from Erikson can serve as an on ramp to a master's or a stand-alone resume boost. Professionals, in different fields who intersect with children and families daily, come to us after realizing their lack of training in child development is a barrier to doing their best work."**

Amanda Moreno, PhD  
Associate Professor, Director,  
Child Development 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](http://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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