

Ensure babies and toddlers have a strong start in life

with an Infant Specialist Graduate Certificate



Program Specifics

18 Credit Hours

Learning Format:



Campus, Online, or Both

Program Length:

Part-time: 2 years

Session Start Dates:

Term start varies

Infant Specialist Certificate Program

Learn the skills to help prepare you for working as an infant specialist to support the emotional health and development of infants, toddlers, and families within a range of settings. You will learn about the complex needs of working with children and families in the context of their culture and community. Additionally, you will complete a two-semester internship experience in your area of focus.

You will choose a concentration in one of two practice areas: Birth to Three Early Learning & Family Support or Prevention/Early Intervention. Birth to Three Early Learning & Family Support track is available on campus or online. The Prevention/Early Intervention track is a hybrid.

Career Opportunities

Infant Specialist Certificate Program graduates come from and continue in a variety of settings and roles working with infants and families such as: advocacy organizations, early care and learning centers, Department of Child and Family Services, Department of Human Services, Early Head Start, Early Intervention, home visiting programs, parent support and education, hospitals and medical facilities, and research organizations.

Why Erikson?

- Complete a two-semester internship experience in your area of focus.
- You will be eligible to apply for an Illinois Gateways to Opportunity Infant Toddler Credential up to Level 5.
- As an admitted certificate student, you may be eligible for federal student aid.
- Our adjunct faculty are full-time professionals in the field.
- Access to dedicated advisors, library, student services, job board, and career workshops.



I was able to directly apply what I learned in the classroom to my job working with children and families. I recommended the program to my colleagues, who later enrolled. Now, I see them learning new things and trying them out in their rooms with success.”

Carina Lane
Erikson Institute
Infant Specialist
Certificate '16



We Can Help

Let us help you work towards your dream career. Erikson awards over \$2 million in scholarships and grants each year to our degree and certificate program students. Scholarships 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, 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 that directly apply to your existing and future career positions.

Reflection

Develop your reflective practice skills within a culminating internship experience 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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