

Put your passion to work

with a Master of Social Work



Program Specifics

60 Credit Hours

Learning Format:



Campus

Program Lengths:

Full-time: 2 years or 28 months

Part-time: 3 or 4 years

Session Start Dates:

Fall or Spring Term

Concentrations:

- Child and Family Policy
- Children, Adolescents, and Adults
- Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

Master of Social Work

An Erikson MSW uniquely prepares you to serve a wide range of people in a variety of settings by giving you a deep understanding of how early experiences impact people across their entire lifespan. Erikson students learn how critical factors like brain development, the effects of trauma, and relationship-based learning factor into problems faced by youth, families, and communities. As critical thinkers, graduates can become an agent for change and advocate for social justice.

This degree program requires two years of field experience—completing at least a total of 900 hours supervised field work. With over 100 field placements in Chicago area, Erikson Institute can help you earn relevant experience.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of our Master of Social Work can consider careers such as: trauma-informed crisis counselor, individual and group therapist with children and families, social service administrator, policy advocate, mental health consultant, and child welfare specialist.

Post BSW and MSW Options

Already have a Bachelor's in Social Work? If so, you may utilize our Advanced Standing option. Applicants who received a BSW within six years of application may waive up to 26 credit hours of the program. See www.erikson.edu/advancedstanding for more details.

If you have an MSW with a LSW or LCSW and are seeking a Professional Educator License (PEL) to become a school social worker, Erikson offers a nine-month online certificate program. Visit www.erikson.edu/mswpel for more details.

Why Erikson?

- One of the first developmentally informed social work programs.
- We offer flexibility with a range of full- and part-time program lengths.
- Access to dedicated advisors, academic writing support, library, career services and student services.



We've hired numerous Erikson graduates. What I love about Erikson is the whole notion about focusing on child development. It doesn't matter if you are working with a family with children or working with adults—those first few years of life are crucial in everyone's development."

Dennis P. Hopkins, PsyD
Executive Director, Iroquois
Mental Health Clinic



We Can Help

Erikson awards over \$2 million in scholarships and grants each year. 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 through two years of field experience.

Reflection

Develop your reflective practice skills in our Integrative Seminars.

A high-quality education that meets your needs



Program flexibility

Attend full or part time.



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.



Innovation

We offer one of the only MSW programs that integrates child development knowledge across the curriculum.

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