

Make an impact on the lives of young children and their families.

Degree Programs

- MS in Child Development
- MS in Child Development/
MJ in Children's Law and Policy
- MS in Early Childhood Education
(Licensure)
- Online MS in Child Development
(Non-Licensure)
- Online MS in Early Childhood Education
(Non-Licensure)
- Master of Social Work
- PhD in Child Development

Certificate, Endorsements, and Licensure Programs

- Child Development Certificate
- Early Childhood Bilingual/ESL
Certificate
- Early Childhood Education
Endorsement
- Early Childhood Language & Literacy
Certificate
- Early Childhood Leadership
& Advocacy Certificate
- Early Childhood Social & Emotional
Learning Certificate
- Early Childhood Special Education
Certificate
- Early Childhood STEM Certificate
- Infant and Early Childhood Mental
Health Certificate
- Infant Specialist Certificate
- Post-Master's Early Childhood
Education Licensure



Join the next generation of leaders in child development, social work, and early childhood education with a graduate degree from Erikson.

Founded in 1966, Erikson Institute has a rich history of providing high quality graduate degrees to professionals working with children, families and communities. Erikson offers a variety of programs from master's degrees, a PhD, and certificates, in support of your career goals. With nationally respected faculty who are experts and practitioners in their field, you can gain real-world knowledge and skills that help advance your career with children and families.

Why Erikson?

- Small classes allow more direct interaction with faculty and students.
- Access to dedicated advisors, library, career and student services.
- We offer flexibility with a range of full- and part-time programs.
- Programs may be offered on campus, online or a combination of both.
- Several program options help prepare you for optional endorsements and credentials.
- Our alumni are a global community serving the needs of young children and their families.

Degree Programs

Career focused degrees with Erikson Institute

Recognized for our groundbreaking work in the field of early childhood, we specialize in preparing child development, education, and social work leaders to improve the lives of young children, families, and their communities.

	Credit Hours	Format	Full-Time	Part-Time	Term Start	Concentrations/Endorsement
MS in Child Development	38-49	Campus	2 years or 28 months	3 years	Fall (full-time); Fall or Spring (part-time)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration • Child and Family Policy • Child Life • Children with Special Needs • Generalist • Infancy • Infancy and Administration
MS in Child Development/ MJ in Children's Law and Policy	56	Campus/ Online	28 months or 3 years	N/A	Fall or Spring	N/A
MS in Early Childhood Education (Licensure)	44 50-57	Campus	2 years or 28 months	3 years	Fall (full-time); Fall or Spring (part-time)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Bilingual/ESL • Early Childhood Special Education and/or LBS1 • or Both
Online MS in Child Development (Non-Licensure)	30	Online	20 months	Up to 3 years	Fall (full-time); Fall or Spring (part-time)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Life Leadership
Online MS in Early Childhood Education (Non-Licensure)	30	Online	20 months	Up to 3 years	Fall (full-time); Fall, Spring, or Summer (part-time)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilingual/ESL • Cross-Concentration • Early Childhood STEM • Language and Literacy • Leadership and Advocacy • Social Emotional Learning • Special Education
Master of Social Work	60	Campus	2 years or 28 months	3 or 4 years	Fall or Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child and Family Policy • Children, Adolescents, and Adults • Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health
PhD in Child Development	42	Campus	N/A	Up to 6 years	Fall	N/A



**Interested in taking a specific course or set of courses?
You can apply to be a student at large.**

Certificate, Endorsements, and Licensure Programs

	Credit Hours	Format	Part-Time	Term Start	Preparation for Optional Endorsements/Credentials
Child Development Certificate	18	Online	2 years	Fall, Spring, or Summer	N/A
Early Childhood Bilingual/ESL Certificate	18	Online	16 months	Fall	• Early Childhood Bilingual/ESL
Early Childhood Education Endorsement	18	Campus	12 months	Spring	• Birth to Grade 2 Endorsement
Early Childhood Language & Literacy Certificate	18	Online	2 years	Fall	N/A
Early Childhood Leadership & Advocacy Certificate	18	Online	2 years	Fall, Spring, or Summer	N/A
Early Childhood Social & Emotional Learning Certificate	18	Online	2 years	Fall	N/A
Early Childhood Special Education Certificate	18	Online	2 years	Fall	• Early Childhood Special Education and/or LBS1
Early Childhood STEM Certificate	18	Online	2 years	Fall	N/A
Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Certificate	18	Online	2 years	Fall	N/A
Infant Specialist Certificate	18	Campus, Online	2 years	Varies	• Illinois Gateways to Opportunity Infant Toddler Credential at Level 5
Post-Master's Early Childhood Education Licensure	24	Campus	12 months	Fall and Summer	• Initial IL Professional Educator Licensure with Early Childhood Education Endorsement

Erikson degrees and certificates often allow you to earn additional credentials or endorsements to help demonstrate your expertise and expand your earning potential. The path to earn these credentials is often simplified and more direct due to Erikson's academic rigor and well-rounded curriculum.

Pursuing credentials varies by degree program and concentration. The Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois Gateways to Opportunity are just two of the organizations granting these optional enhancements. The requirements, application process, timing and related costs may vary.

“Erikson graduates are prepared to work in the field. They are confident and passionate about the work.”

Andria Goss, MS, MSW
Erikson Institute Associate
Vice President of Clinical and
Community Services



We Can Help

Pursuing your graduate studies is an important investment in your career and personal future. Erikson participates in a number of federal and state financial aid programs. Additionally, Erikson awards over \$2 million in scholarships and grants each year. Scholarships are awarded for the entirety of the program. Scholarship and grant eligibility is 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.

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 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.



Industry knowledge

Erikson has over 50 years of experience in early childhood education and child development.

Contact the Admission Office for more information at (312) 893-7149 or admission@erikson.edu.

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