

## Create learning environments that strengthen young children's language and literacy proficiency

with an Early Childhood Language & Literacy Certificate

### Program Specifics

18 Credit Hours

Learning Format:



Online

Program Length:

2 years

Session Start Date:

Fall Term



### Early Childhood Language & Literacy Certificate Program

Erikson Institute's Early Childhood Language and Literacy Graduate Certificate prepares early childhood educators to create classroom and informal learning environments that support young children's language and literacy proficiency. Students will learn how to create literacy rich environments and programs in and outside of school. In such settings, children become more fully rounded, lively, and playful in their activities where they are eager to explain and expand their understanding of new ideas through writing and reading.

The program curriculum is aligned with the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts, Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards, and the recommendations of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. From theory to practice, with information from the latest research, graduates of this certificate program will better understand how young children from preschool through third grade learn to read and write.

### Career Opportunities

Graduates of our Early Childhood language and Literacy Certificate program will be prepared to work with career titles such as: early childhood education teacher; early literacy director, coach, or tutor; literacy coordinator; center or program director; educational coordinator; parent coordinator; or, childcare home provider.

### 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.



**Our Language & Literacy certificate students will learn how to create literacy rich environments and programs in and outside of school that will result in more fully rounded children who are excited to learn.”**

Gillian 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](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.



### 100% online

Learn anytime, anywhere, on any device.

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