

Bring your vision to life as an early childhood leader

with an Early Childhood Leadership & Advocacy Certificate



Program Specifics

18 Credit Hours

Learning Format:



Online

Program Length:

2 years

Session Start Date:

Fall, Spring, or Summer

Early Childhood Leadership & Advocacy Certificate Program

Erikson Institute is introducing a new certificate program for Early Childhood Leadership and Advocacy. Students will develop strong skills in management, working with adults, policy influence, and advocacy to position themselves as an effective and visionary early childhood leader. Once completed, students can take their leadership and advocacy skills to a variety of settings that allow them to advocate for the policies that are in the best interest of young children and their families.

With over 50 years of childhood development and childhood education knowledge and expertise, Erikson's curriculum will help students grow their skills and knowledge in this important field. This online certificate program is designed for candidates who have completed a bachelor's degree, currently work with children and families, and want to develop expertise in leadership and advocacy for professional advancement. Strong candidates for this program may be working in early education, after-school care and libraries; museums, childcare resource and referral agencies; and child and family support services.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of our Early Childhood Leadership and Advocacy Certificate program will be prepared to work with career titles such as: early childhood education teacher; 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.



In this certificate program, experienced, novice, and emerging leaders join together as they inform their practice and understanding, look from new perspectives, challenge their assumptions, reflect, and advocate on behalf of children, families and practitioners in the early childhood field.”

Liz Tertell, MEd,
Senior Instructor



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. 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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