

Grow your expertise

to set children and families for success with a Master of Science in Child Development



Program Specifics

38–49 Credit Hours

Learning Format:



Campus

Program Lengths:

Full-time: 2 years or 28 months

Part-time: 3 years

Session Start Dates:

Fall Term (full-time)

Fall or Spring Term (part-time)

Concentrations:

- Child and Family Policy
- Child Life
- Children with Special Needs
- Generalist
- Infancy
- Infancy and Administration
- Leadership and Advocacy

Master of Science in Child Development

Gain the knowledge and experience necessary to help children reach their full potential with Erikson Institute's Child Development master's degree program. With this degree, you will better serve the complex needs of children and their families across a range of practice settings and disciplines.

This program includes a two-semester internship, with many options to choose from across the Chicago area. During your internship, you will learn how to apply the theory, research, and evidence-based practices you've learned in the classroom to your own practice in the field.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of our Master of Science in Child Development program can consider careers such as: program director, certified child life specialist, family/parent support specialist, home visitor, center director, museum or preschool educator, or policy specialist.

Why Erikson?

- Gain real-world experience with a two-semester internship.
- Add to your experience with optional certifications and credentials such as child life specialist certification, State of Illinois Early Intervention Credential, Infant Toddler Credential, Early Care and Education Credential, or Gateways to Opportunity Illinois Director Credential. Additional courses are required.
- We offer flexibility with a range of full- and part-time programs.
- Access to dedicated advisors, academic writing support, library, career services, and student services.



We have hired over a dozen Erikson graduates over the years because they share our vision of excellence in early childhood and understand that self-awareness is a professional competency.”

Claire Dunham
Senior Vice President
Start Early



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, 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 a two-semester internship.

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.

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