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.

Introducing Our Online MSW

Balance your MSW with your life by taking classes part-time through our 100% online MSW. Students will be in our Children, Adolescents, and Adults concentration.

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.

Advanced Standing

Already have a Bachelor’s in Social Work? If so, you may utilize our Advanced Standing option if you are enrolled in our Campus program. Applicants who received a BSW within six years of application may waive up to 24 credit hours of the program. See www.erikson.edu/advancedstanding 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 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.

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

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