

## Accelerate your career

with an  
Online Master of Science  
in Early Childhood  
Education

### Program Specifics

**30 Credit Hours**

**Learning Format:**



**Online**

**Program Length:**

**Full-time: 20 months**

**Part-time: up to 3 years**

**Session Start Date:**

**Fall Term (full-time)**

**Fall, Spring, or Summer Term  
(part-time)**

**Focus Areas:**

- **Bilingual/ESL**
- **Leadership and Advocacy**
- **Social and Emotional Learning**
- **Special Education**

### Online Master of Science in Early Childhood Education

In this program designed for early childhood professionals, you will gain a deeper understanding of how children age eight and younger grow and learn, and how their families, communities, and the broader early childhood systems affect their development and success.

This non-licensure degree program culminates in a digital Capstone Project that allows you to implement ideas into a real-world setting. All projects will be reflective of your academic and work experiences.

### Career Opportunities

Graduates of our Online Master of Science in Early Childhood Education program can consider careers such as: child development specialist, early childhood program director, curriculum coordinator, bilingual/ESL endorsed educator, social and emotional coordinator, head of school, director, and prevention specialist.

### Why Erikson?

- Core courses in child development with four focus areas to choose from.
- Alternatively, students can shape their degree with a choice of electives across various topics.
- Faculty are experts and scholars in the field.
- Several of our focus areas help prepare you to seek Illinois Gateways to Opportunity Early Care and Education (ECE) and/or Director (IDC) credentials and Illinois State Board of Education endorsements.
- 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.
- Strong online community support facilitated by the cohort approach to learning.



**Studying at Erikson is not just memorizing facts. It is a self-reflective and community-based education that will help stretch your worldview and grow as a person. It is a high quality education that is immediately applicable to my work as a children's librarian."**

Rebecca Ruidl  
Erikson Institute  
Online MS in Early  
Childhood Education '20



### 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 an application. Additional criteria may apply. For the most up to date information on scholarships and financial aid, visit [www.erikson.edu/financialaid](http://www.erikson.edu/financialaid). 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 digital Capstone Project.

### 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.



### 100% online

Learn anytime, anywhere, on any device.

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