Accelerate your career
with an Online Master of Science in Early Childhood Education

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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.

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

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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. 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.

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
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