

## **Scholarship Announcement: Irving B. Harris Infant Mental Health Graduate Certificate Program**

Erikson Institute is pleased to announce a special scholarship opportunity for experienced infant/family specialist and mental health professionals to enroll in the *Irving B. Harris Infant Mental Health* graduate certificate program. The program offers exciting theory-based, practice-focused clinical training to prepare you to understand and address the complex relational and developmental needs of infants, toddlers, and their families within the context of culture and community.

The scholarships, valued at 75% of tuition, will be awarded to a select group of 6-8 incoming students. Students will be responsible for the remaining 25% of tuition, as well as the annual student services fees (approximately \$400 per year), tuition for pre-requisite courses (if applicable), and expenses related to transportation, books and supplies. Please visit our web site at [www.erikson.edu](http://www.erikson.edu) for detailed information about current tuition rates and fees. Eligible students may also apply for low-interest federal loans to fund expenses not covered by the scholarship.

Courses in Erikson's infant mental health certificate program are offered at the graduate level. Therefore, all applicants **must have a master's degree** and a minimum of three years experience with young children and families in order to be considered for admission to the program.

Additional requirements for admission include:

- Completion of *Application for Admission to Infant Specialist and Infant Mental Health Certificate Programs* which can be accessed at [www.erikson.edu/apply](http://www.erikson.edu/apply).  
Note: Please download the *Instructions and Supplemental Forms, Graduate Certificate Programs* packet on this page before starting your application.
- A \$40 application fee;
- An official, sealed copy of ALL previous college/university transcripts. Note: Transcripts must be mailed to Erikson directly from each college/university's registrar office;
- Three letters of recommendation; recommendation form is included as part of the Supplemental Forms packet; and
- A personal interview with the program director

The certificate program is a two-year program beginning with the fall 2010 semester on August 30, 2010. Students who need to fulfill the pre-requisite Infant/Toddler Growth & Development course will enroll in the summer 2010 section of this course which will begin on Monday, May 17, 2010. A full description of the program is available at [www.erikson.edu/Infantmentalhealth](http://www.erikson.edu/Infantmentalhealth).

Applicants will be interviewed and selected on the basis of their academic performance, work history, and suitability for the field of infant mental health. Interested persons should submit all application materials by **Friday, April 2, 2010** in order to be considered for scholarship funding.

If you have questions about this opportunity please contact Dr. Linda Gilkerson, director of the Infant Mental Health Certificate Program, at 312-893-7138 or [LGilkerson@erikson.edu](mailto:LGilkerson@erikson.edu).

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