Are you interested in pursuing education in early childhood mental health?

Early Childhood Socio-Emotional & Behavior Regulation Intervention Specialist (EC-SEBRIS) Graduate Certificate Program

The EC-SEBRIS Certificate Program is an interdisciplinary graduate-level program focusing on professional preparation and skills enhancement of early childhood professionals who work with young children who demonstrate socio-emotional and behavioral concerns, and their parents.

EC-SEBRIS Certificate Program Features

- One-year academic program: 20 graduate credit hours
- Courses can be applied towards graduate degree
- Four foundation courses based on best practices
- Two practicum courses with reflective practice facilitated by clinical supervisors and two courses of on-site coaching consultation
- Course content aligned with Revised Training Guidelines and Personnel Competencies for Infant, Preschool & Family Mental Health, 2009
- Designed for working professionals

Admission Requirements

- Successful completion of BA/BS Degree in Child Development or related field
- Successful completion of application to the University, application to the Department, and interview process
- Successful completion of coursework in Child Development
- Recommendation of employer or faculty
- Successful completion of entire application package

University application is available at http://www.csumentor.edu/ (SDSU institution code 4682) Department application is available at:
https://app.applyyourself.com/AYApplicantLogin/ApplicantConnectLogin.asp?id=sdsu-grad
Applications will be accepted between October 1, 2015–March 1, 2016 for admission in Fall 2016. Additional program information is also available at http://coe.sdsu.edu/cfd/prospective/certificate.php

For more application instructions or for more information please contact:
Early Childhood@mail.sdsu.edu (619) 594-2149

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The program meets the needs of early childhood education professionals by providing appropriate field-based training for recognizing and responding to behavioral challenges in effective ways. The EC-SEBRIS Certificate Program focuses on clinically-based, professional preparation and skills enhancement of early childhood educators who work with young children who demonstrate socio-emotional and behavioral problems. In accordance with Congressional recommendations, the certificate will instruct and mentor early childhood educators to implement early intervention behavioral support services based on the Response to Intervention (RTI) and the Recognition and Response models to children and staff on their site. These skilled and well-trained early childhood professionals will reduce the level of risk, enhance developmental outcomes, and therefore reduce costs of future needed interventions for these children when they are attending school. The certificate program follows the training Guidelines and Personnel Competencies for Infant-Family and Early Childhood developed by Childhood Mental Health Training Guidelines Workgroup, 2010.

Socio-emotional development in the early years is among the most critical foundations to school readiness (Walsh, 2004). The National Academy of Science study “From Neurons to Neighborhoods: The science of early childhood development” listed intellectual skills, motivation to learn, health, and socio-emotional development as the key qualities needed for success in school. This certificate program will prepare early childhood educators to provide socio-emotional and behavioral support to children attending their programs and their families. This certificate program is targeted to current and future professionals who are or intend to become early childhood socio-emotional and behavior regulation intervention specialists. The potential clients are from the fields of early childhood education, special education, counseling, school psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy, psychology or related areas.

Required courses for the certificate will teach students about different theories in child behavior intervention and prevention, positive behavior support for children with challenging behavior, ecobehavioral assessment and intervention, and advanced behavior analysis. This knowledge base will then be applied in the community. Students will complete a total of 500 hours of supervised practicum with young children in San Diego County.

The certificate will be earned through completion of the required courses and supervised practicum. The Department of Child and Family Development will work with students to help them earn the certificate within one academic year. Courses taken as part of the certificate program may be applied towards a Master’s degree.

Application Instructions

A complete application package consists of two parts: University application and Department application. Each application may have supplementary documents required, such as official transcripts and letters of recommendation. You may be asked to complete an admissions interview. Contact EarlyChildhood@mail.sdsu.edu for a comprehensive list of application documents required. Submitting an application does not guarantee admission to the EC-SEBRIS program.

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All applicants must submit admissions materials separately to SDSU Graduate Admissions and to the Department of Child and Family Development.

University Application &
Official Transcripts should be sent to:
Graduate Admissions
Enrollment Services
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-7416

Departmental Application
and Letter of Recommendation:
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