

# EARLY INTERVENTION - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

College of Education Health and Human Services  
School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences  
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## About This Program

The Early Intervention graduate certificate is primarily intended for individuals interested in working with young children ages 0-3 who have or are at risk for developmental delays and disabilities and their families across a variety of settings. The certificate provides skills and competencies specific to contemporary and recommended practices in early intervention that are empirically based, contemporary philosophical orientations about young children and families, supporting families and caregivers to enhance children's growth and development, federal early intervention legislation, teaming with professionals and family members, ethical conduct in all professional activities, advocacy and inclusive practices.

## Contact Information

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- Connect with an Admissions Counselor: U.S. Student | International Student

## Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Kent Campus

## Examples of Possible Careers

- Developmental Specialist
- Service Coordinator
- Early Intervention Provider
- Early Intervention Evaluator
- Early Intervention Administrator

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 2.750 GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Official transcript(s)
- Goal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- Questions in Anticipation of Licensure form
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:<sup>1</sup>

- Minimum 79 TOEFL iBT score
- Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
- Minimum 58 PTE score
- Minimum 110 DET score

<sup>1</sup> International applicants who do not meet the above test scores will not be considered for admission.

## Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
  - Rolling admissions
- **Spring Semester**
  - Rolling admissions
- **Summer Term**
  - Rolling admissions

## Program Requirements

### Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Certificate Requirements</b>		
SPED 62951	EARLY INTERVENTION IN NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS	3
SPED 63892	EARLY INTERVENTION INTERNSHIP	3
SPED 63952	FAMILY AND PROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD	3
SPED 63954	PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS: TEAMING	3
SPED 63955	TYPICAL AND ATYPICAL DEVELOPMENT IN YOUNG CHILDREN	3
SPED 63956	FOUNDATIONS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES	3
SPED 63957	ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES	3
SPED 64951	DEVELOPING AN INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY SERVICE PLAN AND INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM	3
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>24</b>

## Graduation Requirements

Minimum Certificate GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
3.000	3.000

## Graduate Certificate Policy for the College of Education, Health and Human Services

- Students seeking a graduate certificate must maintain a minimum 3.000 grade point average. A graduate certificate student who receives a combination of more than 8 credit hours of B- or lower grades, or more than 4 credit hours of grades lower than C is subject to dismissal. Students who are unable to maintain academic standards of the College are subject to dismissal for academic reasons. Grades of C- or below are not counted toward completion of the certificate.
- Certificates must be completed within six years after the first graduate enrollment.
- No more than 2 credit hours of workshop may be used toward a certificate.

- Before being eligible to be awarded a Certificate, students must be admitted to the Certificate program.
- Students currently in a graduate degree program may also apply to a certificate program. Their degree seeking coursework may be applied to the certificate coursework with advisor approval. The courses must be completed within six years and satisfy certificate course requirements.
- Students who have a previous graduate degree and are not currently seeking another graduate degree may transfer a maximum 6 credit hours with advisor approval. These credits may include hours from another KSU program, or from another accredited institution, if the following conditions are met: (1) courses were at the graduate level; (2) a grade of "A" or "B" was earned; (3) credit will be less than six years old at the time the certificate is conferred at Kent; and (4) student was admitted as a graduate student at the time the course was taken.
- Some program areas may be more restrictive. Students are advised to consult their program.

## Professional Licensure Disclosure

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.