

Online Courses



The UF Lastinger Center for Learning is the administrator of the state of Florida's Early Childhood System. Created in partnership with the Florida Department of Education's Division of Early Learning, Lastinger Learning's early childhood courses provide practical teaching strategies, are standards-aligned and mastery-based. Courses include interactive elements, collaborative discussion forums and continuous feedback from a credentialed instructor.

Who is eligible?

These online courses are free and offered to all School Readiness & VPK providers in Florida including:

1. Educators
2. Family Child Care Providers
3. Directors
4. Owners
5. Program Leaders

Infant-toddler courses

- Infant Toddler Social-Emotional Development (ITSE)*
- Engaging Families of Infants and Toddlers (ITFE)*
- Infant Toddler Health, Safety, and Nutrition (ITHSN)*
- Using Observation To Support Developmentally Appropriate Practice With Infants And Toddlers (ITDAP)*
- Professionalism in Early Childhood Education (PECE)*
- Supporting Early Intervention with Infants and Toddlers (SEIIT)

Leadership courses

- Organizational Leadership in Early Childhood Education (OLECE)
- Instructional Leadership in Early Childhood Education (ILECE)
- Effective Operations in Early Care and Education (EOECE)
- Professionalism for Early Childhood Education for Directors (PECED)

EOECE and PECED are included in our Leadership Development pathway supporting program leaders in completing the overview of childcare management course to qualify for Florida's Director Credential.

**Indicates the course is available in English and Spanish.*

Why participate?

- Courses available in English and Spanish
- Earn a \$250 successful completion stipend
- Earn 2.0 IACET CEUs per course
- Earn 20 professional learning hours per course

Preschool courses

- Guiding Preschool Behavior and Building Classroom Community (PGB)*
- Instructional Support in Preschool: Quality of Feedback (PQF)*
- Preschool Health, Safety, and Nutrition (PHSN)*
- Preschool Growth & Development: Maximizing Learning Experiences (PGD)*
- Professionalism in Early Childhood Education (PECE)*
- Preschool Family Engagement (PFE)*
- Inclusion in the Preschool Setting (IPS)
- Getting Organized for Learning in Preschool (ACT 1)

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Leadership Development



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Cursos en Línea



El Centro de Aprendizaje Lastinger de UF es el administrador del Sistema de Early Childhood Training del estado de Florida. Creado en asociación con el Department of Education's Division of Early Learning de Florida, los cursos de Lastinger Learning early childhood brindan estrategias de enseñanza prácticas, están alineados con los estándares y se basan en el dominio. Los cursos están llenos de elementos interactivos, foros de discusión colaborativos y comentarios continuos de un instructor del curso acreditado.

¿Quién es elegible?

Estos cursos en línea son gratuitos y se ofrecen a todos los proveedores de School Readiness y VPK en Florida, incluyendo:

1. Educadores
2. Proveedores de cuidado infantil familiar
3. Directores
4. Propietarios
5. Líderes de programas

¿Por qué participar?

- Cursos disponibles en inglés y español
- Gana un estipendio entre \$250 al completar
- Gana 2.0 CEUs de IACET por curso
- Gana 20 horas de aprendizaje profesional por curso

Cursos sobre bebés y niños pequeños

- Fomentando el Desarrollo Socioemocional Saludable En Los Bebés Y Niños Pequeños (ITSES)
- Participación Familiar: Involucrando a las Familias de Bebés y Niños Pequeños (ITFES)
- Salud, Seguridad y Nutrición para Bebés y Niños Pequeños (ITHSNS)
- El Uso de la Observación para Promover la Práctica Apropiable al Desarrollo con los Bebés y Niños Pequeños (ITDAPS)
- Profesionalismo en la Educación Infantil Temprana (PECES)

Cursos de preescolar

- Pautas De Comportamiento Y Creación De Comunidad En El Ámbito Preescolar (PGBS)
- Apoyo Instructivo en el Preescolar: Calidad de los Comentarios (PQFS)
- Salud, Seguridad y Nutrición en la Edad Preescolar (PHSNS)
- Desarrollo y Crecimiento de Niños Preescolares (PGDS)
- Profesionalismo en la Educación Infantil Temprana (PECES)
- Compromiso de las Familias en la Educación Preescolar (PFES)

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La financiación estatal determina la disponibilidad de plazas en los cursos. Las plazas se asignan por orden de llegada.

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Emergent Literacy Micro-Credential: Apply Here!

Literacy

Emergent Literacy Micro-Credential

The Lastinger Learning Emergent Literacy Micro-Credential provides accessible, on-demand professional learning at no cost for Florida birth through pre-kindergarten early child care personnel.

Learners can work at their own pace while implementing classroom strategies in real time, receiving feedback and support from an instructor.

Micro-Credential Overview



The Emergent Literacy Micro-Credential is a three-part hybrid model of online modules, instructor-supported online courses, and job-embedded practicum that can be completed in 15 weeks. The courses and activities prepare educators and child care providers to:

- Support student outcomes for school readiness
- Identify literacy difficulties
- Apply evidence-based practices
- Engage in effective progress monitoring and intervention

Benefits

- \$1,000 completion stipend for *eligible early child care personnel and early learning instructional staff
- Build emergent literacy knowledge and skills with high-quality content
- Earn 60 inservice hours/6.0 CEUs
- Supports language and literacy requirements for the CDA professional portfolio
- Satisfies the 40-hour reading requirement for renewal for certified Florida educators if completed after October 21, 2024

How to Enroll

Applications are open! Apply by August 4.

Applications may close early if capacity is reached.

Apply now!

Stipend Information

Please visit the Stipends Hub for information on 15-26 stipends.

Visit Stipends Hub

Partner with Us

Interested in bringing the Micro-Credential to your organization? Contact our Language and Literacy Partnerships Manager to start the conversation.

Contact Us

Eligible Participants

This program is available to birth through pre-K early child care personnel (public or private), including but not limited to:

- Teachers
- Program directors
- Interventionists
- Instructional coaches
- Head Start personnel

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