

Professional Development Opportunity in Infant, Early Childhood and Family Mental Health

**Now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Infant, Early Childhood and Family Mental Health Capstone Certificate Program!**



Application & Scholarships:

Participation is by application and enrollment is limited. Apply by July 7 to ensure consideration for admission and scholarship. Applications will continue to be accepted as space allows. Information about the UW Capstone Certificate Program, the Application Form, application guidance and program dates are available at this website under the Capstone Certificate Program tab:

<https://ifmh.psychiatry.wisc.edu/>

Description:

The UW Capstone Certificate Program is an interdisciplinary one-year academic program designed for professionals who provide relationship-based services to families in the perinatal period and/or families of children ages birth through five years, supervisors and consultants. This program is for licensed mental health clinicians; health care practitioners in nursing, pediatrics, family medicine and psychiatry; and professionals from Home Visiting, Birth to 3, Child Welfare, Early Care and Education, Early Head Start and Head Start.

Following a cohort model, enrolled participants are provided with three days of class instruction each month as well as a Mindfulness Class and small Reflective Mentoring Groups to reflect upon and integrate program content into their professional work experiences. The 2026-2027 program will be held **fully in-person** in Madison, Wisconsin. Sessions are scheduled from Wednesday through Friday once per month from September through June. Participation in this program provides an increased knowledge base and skills in providing screening, assessment, diagnostic and therapeutic or supportive intervention services to support the mental health of parent, infants, young children and early relationships.

Those who complete the UW Capstone Certificate Program will earn 10-12 graduate course credits from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and will have gained knowledge and competencies to assist them in pursuing Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Endorsement® through the Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health (WI-AIMH).

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This program is part of the Center for Innovations in Parent-Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health in the Department of Psychiatry, UW School of Medicine and Public Health