

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® VERMONT

Early Childhood Licensure Scholarship Program for Child Care Center Directors

What is the Early Childhood Licensure Scholarship Program?

This scholarship program for child care center directors offers scholarship funds to take courses toward an endorsement in Early Childhood Education or Early Childhood Special Education at Lyndon State College's Higher Education Collaborative or to complete the Peer Review process. It is a partnership between the child care center director and T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® VERMONT that enables providers to improve their skills, receive a financial reward and continue the availability of quality child care in local communities.

Who is eligible for a scholarship?

Any child care center director who holds a BA and whose program is licensed with the Vermont Child Development Division is eligible. Scholarships are awarded on the commitment to the Early Childhood Education field, as shown through information provided on the application.

What kind of support does the scholarship provide?

The scholarship covers 80% of the cost of tuition and 90% of the cost of books.

An access stipend is also provided each term while taking classes.

For those going through the Peer Review process, the scholarship will cover 80% of the application fees.

What kind of commitment is the director required to make?

The director must contribute up to 20% of the cost of tuition and 10% of the cost of books, successfully complete 3-9 credits at Lyndon State College's Higher Education Collaborative in Early Childhood Education or Early Childhood Special Education during the one-year scholarship contract, and continue employment with the sponsoring center for one year after completing the course requirements or Peer Review process.

What kind of financial reward does the director receive?

The director is awarded a \$250 bonus upon successful completion of the required 3-9 credits of coursework within the contract year or attainment of a teaching license.



For more information, call or write:

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What kind of support does T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® VERMONT provide?

T.E.A.C.H. pays for 80% of the cost of tuition and 90% of the cost of books, provides an access stipend each term, and awards a \$250 bonus upon completion of the scholarship contract.

T.E.A.C.H. staff provides counseling and administrative support for the program.

Can a scholarship be extended for another year?

As long as funds are available, and as long as the director continues to be eligible, T.E.A.C.H. will award scholarship contract renewals so the director can continue taking courses.

How is the Early Childhood Licensure Scholarship Program funded?

Funding comes from a variety of sources including the Vermont Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge grant provided by Child Development Division.

Early Childhood Education and the Vermont Higher Education Collaborative

Am I qualified to be a student at Lyndon State College's Higher Education Collaborative?

The Vermont Higher Education Collaborative (VT-HEC-EC/ECSE) program is a multi-tiered set of programs providing a pathway to educator licensure.

Tier 1 Program

EC or ECSE Endorsement Designed for educators who currently possess or who are eligible for a Vermont educator license. Programs include courses needed to fulfill licensure competencies enabling the educator to add an ECE (18 credits) or ECSE (21 credits) endorsement. These EC/ECSE courses are graduate level courses

Tier 2 Program

EC or ECSE Initial License for educators who have a Bachelor's or Master's Degree in a related field EC/ECSE programs are 21-30 credits; the specific number of courses will be based on the individual's professional and academic background. Participants in the Tier 2 programs take the same courses as Tier 1; however in order for Tier 2 candidates to meet Vermont's requirements for initial licensure, they must also complete a supervised student teaching experience and a licensure portfolio.



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