

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® VERMONT

Early Childhood Licensure Scholarship Program for Family Child Care Providers

What is the Early Childhood Licensure Scholarship Program?

This scholarship program for family child care providers 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 family child care provider 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 family child care provider who holds a BA and whose program is registered or 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. It also offers the provider a stipend for the cost of having a substitute for release-time each week. The provider can use this to have a substitute coverage to study, attend class or meet personal needs. An access stipend is also provided each term. For those going through the Peer Review process, the scholarship will cover 80% of the application fees.

What kind of commitment is the family child care provider required to make?

The provider must contribute 20% of the cost of tuition and 10% of the cost of books, 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 to operate the family child care home for one year after completing the course requirements or Peer Review process.

What kind of financial reward does the family child care provider receive?

The provider is awarded a \$250 bonus upon 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, access and release time stipends 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 family child care provider continues to be eligible, T.E.A.C.H. will award scholarship contract renewals so the provider 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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