

## OUR FACULTY

Our faculty actively participates in early childhood leadership and advocacy initiatives at local, state and national levels. We take pride in our association and commitment to the Council for Exceptional Children, the Division of Early Childhood and the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Dynamically, we are dedicated to the World Forum on Early Care and Education, which is an international organization that advocates and supports an on-going global exchange of ideas on the delivery of quality services for young children in diverse settings. Moreover, we are honored as a team to have been published in a number of early childhood education journals, as well as our frequent involvement at state, national and international conferences.

GROUNDING IN PRACTICE, TO LEAD IN COMMUNITY



The University of Dayton helped me achieve a dream I never thought would be possible. I was able to obtain my graduate degree in early childhood leadership and advocacy all while working full time and having a busy family life. The online master's program prepared me for wherever my career journey takes me in the world of early childhood education. Thank you UD!

—Kristi Kirinch



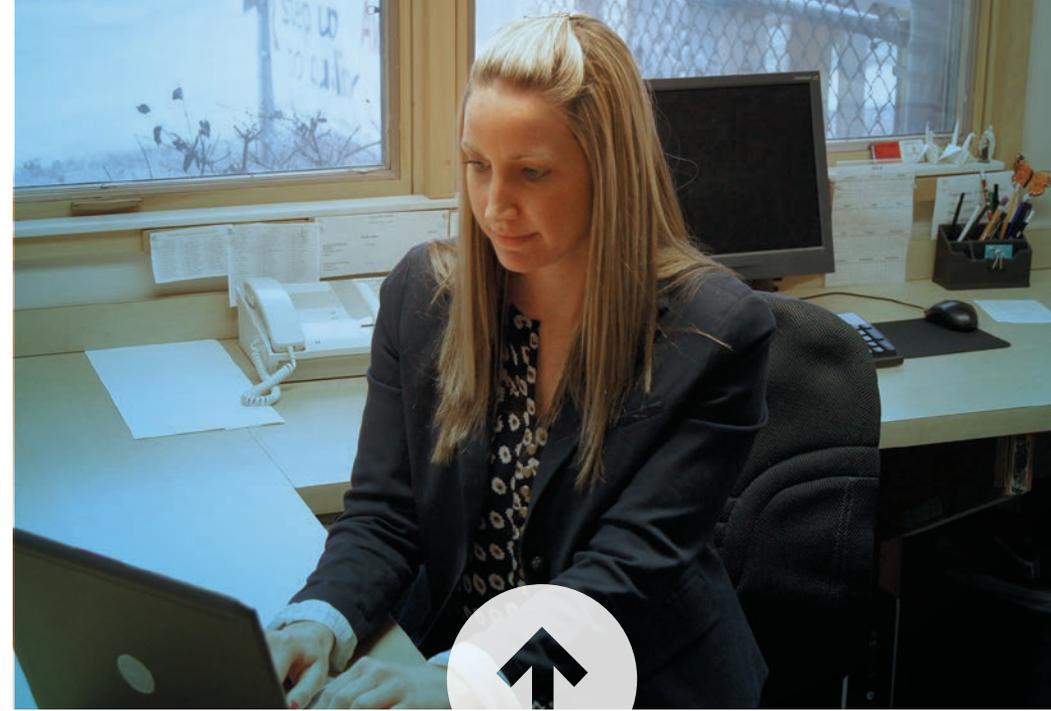
My time in the Early Childhood Leadership and Advocacy Certificate program was invaluable to my career and professional growth. I was able to use what I was learning on a daily basis; my classwork made me a better preschool teacher and director. I was able to use the courses in this series to guide my career goal to open my own nature-based preschool.

—Meredith L. Florkey



The online master's program was a perfect fit for my career and personal life. Time and time again, I found that the content of the courses matched up perfectly with the struggles and triumphs that occur daily working within the early childhood field. And the support offered by the faculty was fantastic and allayed any fears I may have had about online learning.

—Ross "Chad" Nunamaker



## APPLICATION INFORMATION

For more information about the Early Childhood Leadership and Advocacy program, including financial aid and admission details, visit [go.udayton.edu/ecla](http://go.udayton.edu/ecla) or contact our admission and financial aid counselor listed on the back cover of this brochure. To apply visit [udayton.edu/apply/transfer](http://udayton.edu/apply/transfer).

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EARLY CHILDHOOD  
LEADERSHIP OR  
ADVOCACY, MSE

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and Health Sciences

## CHANGING THEIR EDUCATION STARTS BY ENHANCING YOURS

Expand your knowledge and enhance your professional credentials with a master's degree in Early Childhood Leadership and Advocacy from the University of Dayton. Guided by faculty members who are leaders in the field of early childhood leadership and advocacy, our flexible, online program gives you the opportunity to blend practical knowledge and theoretical insight as you develop in your career as an early childhood professional.

Our graduate early childhood education program will allow you to:

- » Continue your career as you **enhance your education**.
- » Receive credit for your life and **job-related experiences**.
- » Use your own work setting as practicum experience so **no student teaching** is required.
- » **Design your own schedule** for your future with flexible, online courses.
- » Engage with your classmates in a supportive community and **small class sizes**.
- » Participate in online discussions, **one-on-one instruction** and community opportunities.



## BECAUSE YOU'RE READY FOR THE NEXT STEP

Designed for experienced early childhood professionals, our program will help you advance your knowledge and develop the leadership skills required to be advocates in the field of early care and education. You'll complete your program as a competent and compassionate professional prepared for a career as a program administrator, supervisor or teacher leader in a diverse range of settings for young children and their families.

### PROGRAM OF STUDY

As a candidate in our program, you must complete the graduate leadership core sequence along with either the administration strand or the advocacy strand.

All coursework is available online and can be completed part-time; a selection of traditional onsite courses are also available on campus.

### WORKSHOP CREDIT

Because you've already had experience in the field of early childhood education, your life and job-related experience can replace course content. Up to six semester hours of approved workshop credit can be applied to replace course content taken previously.

Among others, your program adviser can approve your workshop credit from:

- » Head Start Program
- » Ohio Department of Education
- » Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS)
- » Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association (CCR&R)
- » 4C Leadership Institute
- » Step Up To Quality approved training
- » National Association of Child Care Professionals
- » Ohio Administrator Credential

Submit your application and certificates of attendance — totaling 15 hours for each credit hour — with your name, address and telephone number including area code to:

**Workshop Credit Coordinator**  
Bombeck Family Learning Center

University of Dayton  
941 Alberta St.  
Dayton, OH 45409

## LEADERSHIP CORE SEQUENCE

*Graduate Leadership Coursework and Master's Core program*

### GRADUATE LEADERSHIP COURSEWORK

#### 12 SEMESTER HOURS

EDA 505 Educational Leadership  
EDA 509 Supervision and Professional Development  
EDA 556 Leadership in Diverse Communities  
EDT 565E Internship and Seminar in Early Childhood Administration and Advocacy

**AND**

### MASTERS CORE

#### 12–13 SEMESTER HOURS

EDT 500 Models of Teaching  
EDT 502 Philosophy of Education  
EDT 660 Introduction to Educational Research  
EDT 667: Research Study

## STRAND OPTIONS

*You will choose either Early Childhood Leadership or Early Childhood Advocacy as your strand option.*

### EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP

#### 12 SEMESTER HOURS

EDT 560E Early Childhood Program and Personnel Management  
EDT 561E Supporting Quality Curriculum and Instruction in Early Care and Education  
EDT 562E Regulations, Licensing and the Law in Early Care and Education  
EDT 563E Managing Finances and Marketing in Early Care and Education

**OR**

### EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVOCACY

EDA 510 Introduction to Transdisciplinary ECEs  
EDA 561E Supporting Quality Curriculum and Instruction in Early Care and Education  
EDA 564E Advocacy in Early Care and Education Leadership  
EDT 573 Collaborating with Families, Professionals and Agencies Workshop Credit  
EBW 5XX Workshop Credit