CHILD DEVELOPMENT (PHD) WITH ERIKSON INSTITUTE

The PhD in Child Development is offered in partnership between the Erikson Institute and the Graduate School at Loyola University Chicago. Students examine how factors such as culture, social class, and social relationships influence human development from infancy through early and middle childhood. Among others, PhD graduates can consider careers in research, applied child development research, program design and evaluation, college teaching, program administration, and policy analysis.

Curriculum

Required Coursework

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All PhD students and students in thesis-based Master’s degree programs must successfully complete UNIV 370 Responsible Conduct in Research and Scholarship or other approved coursework in responsible conduct of research as part of the degree requirements. It is strongly recommended that students complete this two-day training before beginning the dissertation/thesis stage of the program.

1 Loyola coursework is frequently taken in the School of Education or Psychology department. Students may speak with Graduate Program Director for assistance.

2 A list of approved methods and statistics courses will be made available by the Graduate Program Director.

Qualifying Paper

Upon completion of coursework, students will complete a qualifying paper to demonstrate readiness for candidacy.

Dissertation

Guided by a committee of faculty members, students will execute a substantial original piece of research to advance knowledge in the field of child development. After a public oral defense, the final dissertation will be deposited in a publicly available database per Graduate School policy.

Graduate & Professional Standards and Regulations

Students in graduate and professional programs can find their Academic Policies in Graduate and Professional Academic Standards and Regulations (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional-academic-standards-regulations/) under their school. Any additional University Policies supercede school policies.