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Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Scholarship Program: ICO Project Division of Curriculum & Instruction

Improving Child Outcomes of Young Children with High-Intensity Needs through Interdisciplinary Preparation of Special Education and Preschool Psychology Professionals (ICO)

What is the ICO Project? It is a federally funded scholarship program that will provide interdisciplinary training and mentoring to scholars to enhance their knowledge and skills as they become certified ECSE teachers and preschool school psychologists, trainers, and leaders. Those who complete the program will become skilled in promoting the school readiness skills of young children with high-intensity needs in both public and private early childhood settings through creating high-quality early childhood environments, addressing challenging behaviors, providing focused and individualized Tier 2 and 3 interventions, and developing collaboration and leadership skills. Professionals will finish prepared to help young children with disabilities who have high-intensity needs develop critical P-12 school readiness and work toward positive career outcomes.

What are the Requirements to Apply for the ICO Project?

Early Childhood Special Education applicants must: 1) be certified in either early childhood education (birth to grade 2) or in childhood education (Grades 1 to 6); and 2) have earned a graduate degree with a GPA of 3.0 or higher (out of 4.0).

What are the benefits of participating in the ICO Project?

- Candidates will be prepared for certification in early childhood special education through a 15-credit advanced program in Early Childhood Special Education.
- Candidates selected will be trained to address challenging behavior, learn response to intervention techniques, develop collaboration and leadership skills, and become trainers/leaders in promoting school readiness skills of high intensity needs young children with disabilities.
- Candidates will receive 70% tuition support from this grant (applicants will be responsible for the application fee, university fees, and 30% of the tuition).
- Courses will be offered part-time in the evenings at the Lincoln Center Campus during fall, spring, and summer so that full-time teachers can finish this program in one year.

What is the application process for the ICO Project?

- Go to <https://gradadmissions.fordham.edu/apply> to apply.
- Select **ICO Project** for this application. A complete application includes: the application form; official transcripts; an official GRE or MAT score; two recommendation letters (one letter from your principal or educational supervisor); a copy of your teacher certification; a resume; a personal statement; and a \$70 application fee.
- Direct questions about the online application to the Admissions Office, 212-636-6400. Finalists will be invited for an on-campus interview.
- **Apply today.** Contact **Marilyn Bisberg** at bisberg@fordham.edu for start date and cohort details.

Who Should I Contact for More Information about the ICO Project?

Please contact Project Coordinator **Marilyn Bisberg**, at bisberg@fordham.edu, or call 212-636-6449 if you have additional questions about **ICO Project** scholarship program and the application process.