



RESPECT SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Responsive Equitable Systems for Preparing Early Childhood Teachers

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The RESPECT Scholar Program is dedicated to strengthening the state's early childhood workforce by creating equitable, accessible, and culturally sustaining early childhood teacher preparation pathways. This unique initiative provides personalized and flexible program development and opportunities for individuals actively engaged in full-time roles within the early childhood field. Successful candidates can expect tailored navigational and financial support, allowing them to seamlessly balance their professional commitments while advancing their education in early childhood. Join the RESPECT Scholar Program for a transformative journey towards professional growth and excellence, benefiting from the collective expertise of all 3 University of Nebraska campuses.



WHAT WE OFFER

- A minimum of 90% tuition Support and funding for books, and other fees for up to 75 credits to complete a bachelor's degree in ECE (inclusive of academic year and summer terms),
- Classes are available across 3 campuses: UNL, UNO, and UNK,
- Flexible course offerings (hybrid, online, in person),
- Navigational support and personalized advising for program development,
- Monthly stipend,
- Activities to connect with other RESPECT Scholars.



REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- Meet the admissions requirement of their chosen campus,
 - UNL, UNO, or UNK,
- Work in a licensed child care, preschool, or family child care; approved public school pre-k program; or Head Start at least 30 hours per week at the time of application,
- Have an AA degree OR at least 60 credit hours completed at a post-secondary institution.



EXPECTATIONS

Applicants must:

- Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75 while enrolled,
- Continue to work in ECE field during enrollment,
- Complete 60 credit hours in 4-6 semesters including summers, to graduate by August 2026,
- Attend at least 1 cohort event each semester and attend new student orientation,
- Participate in RESPECT evaluation activities.

HOW TO APPLY

For more information on how to apply, contact respectnebraska@unl.edu with your name and contact information.

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