



November 1, 2010

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in University of Kentucky's Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education Program and funding through our grant, INCREAS-DL: **Increasing the Number, Competence, and Resources of Early Interventionists in Areas of Shortage**. INCREAS provides tuition support to scholars in obtaining initial IECE (Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education) certification. The project directors for INCREAS are Drs. Lee Ann Jung and Jennifer Grisham-Brown. **We are currently taking applications for funding until December 15, 2010.**

Project INCREAS selects scholars for funding who (1) plan to provide early childhood special education services, (2) have a bachelors degree, (3) do not have IECE certification, and (4) intend to remain a provider of special education services in Kentucky for at least 5 years. The project will base funding decisions on information in the written application and professional recommendation. Preference will be given to applicants who are currently providing services in an area that is experiencing a shortage of service providers. Additionally, scholars must have an **undergraduate GPA of 2.75 AND** a score of (1) 800 on the GRE with a minimum score of "4" on the analytic portion **OR** (2) 173 on both reading and math and 172 on writing on the Praxis. Graduating from the IECE Program also requires admission into the Teacher Education Program (TEP). **We will no longer fund any students before they have a GRE or Praxis score that qualifies them for entry into TEP.** There are GRE test dates available in the upcoming weeks; so, if you are interested in funding and have not taken the GRE, there is still time to do so for Spring 2011 admission.

Scholars who are selected for funding will be able to complete the IECE certification program through approximately two years of part time study, with funding each semester contingent upon successful performance in the program and successful review by the program faculty. IECE coursework will be delivered almost exclusively through distance education formats, though no guarantee can be made that every course will be offered via distance education. In addition to the nine required courses, each scholar will be required to complete three, 100-hour practica. These 100 hours may be spread across more than one semester, but because the IECE certification qualifies recipients to teach birth through kindergarten, diverse practica experiences must remain as a requirement of the program.

In order to apply to the IECE program, you must complete a (1) **University of Kentucky Graduate School application**, (2) a **Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling application**. In order to apply for funding, you must complete the (3) **INCREAS APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**.

The Graduate School application is found on-line and must be submitted on-line to The Graduate School. For item # 15, check the box "5th year certification." For item #16, enter SPED "Special Education" for the program, and EBD "Certification with Bachelor's degree" for the type of applicant.

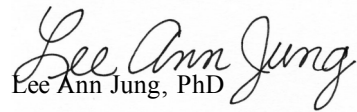
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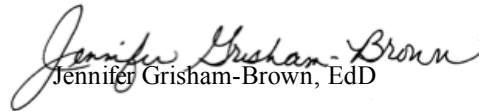
The Department application is found in the office of the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling or online at <http://www.uky.edu/Education/EDS/application.pdf>.

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Be sure to check “**Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education**” for proposed area of study and certification area. **Applications are considered twice per year only: October 15 and March 15. If you are selected for funding, you MUST apply to the department by March 15, 2010, or your funding will be discontinued, and the federal government may require you to repay tuition paid.** If you have additional questions about the INCREAS application contact Lee Ann Jung (ljung@uky.edu). Questions about the department or graduate school applications may be directed to Kim Townley at kim.townley@uky.edu. Questions for TEP may be directed to Ryanna Severence at (859) 257-4112

Sincerely,


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