

Buell Early Childhood Leadership Program Graduate Assistant

JOB TITLE: The Buell Early Childhood Leadership Program Graduate Assistant

SCHEDULE: Program begins June, 2009 and will run until late May 2010. Hours can be flexible based on student's schedule, however, it is requested that they attend the bi-weekly Design Team meetings at Clayton Early Learning at least once a month (2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 9:00-11:00am).

Position is 10 hours per week, provides a stipend, and 12 tuition credit hour waiver. (4 per quarter)

DIVISION: Morgridge College of Education

DEPARTMENT: Educational Administration

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

Our vision is to promote quality in the early care and education system in Colorado by identifying, nurturing, and building leadership capacity in existing and future early childhood leaders. A committed, visible, diverse cadre of early childhood leaders will be developed and degreed to meet the challenges of achieving high quality ECE programs for infants and young children in Colorado, especially those who are at risk of failure due to socio-economic and language barriers.

This vision serves as our overarching purpose, which we will accomplish by implementing an innovative early childhood leadership certificate and advanced degree program to support new generations of leaders in early care and education. Upon completion of our program, these leaders will:

- Possess a core set of leadership skills that allow them to guide teams in continuous quality improvement;
- Engage in effective and efficient administrative practices that support the larger mission of creating a high quality early care and education system;
- Foster healthy and supportive relationships among children, families, teachers, and community members that advance programs that serve the needs of all children, including children with special needs, and promote social-emotional development;
- Garner broad based public and private sector support for early care and education and advance the field by continuously educating communities about the benefits of investments in quality ECE programs;
- Have expert knowledge of evidence-based curricula and teaching practices that promote pre-academic and social emotional outcomes for children to ensure they enter kindergarten ready to learn.
- Develop a network of colleagues to support and advise them in their work locally on community based projects.

- Link new knowledge and skills learned in the BECLP to the Colorado Early Childhood Framework and change efforts underway in the state.

To read more about the program purpose, components, or faculty, please visit our website at www.du.edu/buell.

ABOUT THE GRADUATE ASSISTANT POSITION:

The Morgridge College of Education graduate student selected for this position will be a doctoral student with strong program evaluation and research skills. This individual will assist the core faculty with data collection and research projects associated with this program for national dissemination of results. Experience with program evaluation including qualitative & quantitative data collection and analysis, and leadership preparation higher education programs preferred.

When necessary, this person will be available to support the Program Coordinator and Faculty in preparing for the Summer Symposium (July 16th-20th), class sessions, recruitment presentations and meetings, candidate panel interviews, alumni Buell Fellow involvement activities, or other tasks that are identified throughout the year.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicant for position must be admitted into a doctoral level degree program in the Morgridge College of Education and in good academic standing. Must be a student in a full-tuition program enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours per quarter. It is preferred that the individual have a background and interest in Early Childhood Education and/or Leadership Development for Professional Educators.

TO APPLY:

Send resume and cover letter to Wendy Bickford, BECLP Program coordinator, at wendy.bickford@du.edu. Position will remain open until filled.

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