



## Preparing Experienced & Emerging Leaders as Agents for Change



The Buell Early Childhood Leadership Program is an 18-credit graduate certificate program designed to build leadership skills for professionals who work on behalf of children birth to eight and their families across early childhood service sectors.

To strengthen the growing integration of all systems that work with and on behalf of young children and their families, in addition to seeking qualified candidates in early childhood education, we are issuing a special invitation to those in the health, mental health, and family education and support fields to apply for the 2017-18 academic year.

Our program offers a cohort-based, hybrid instructional delivery model. Students come to Denver once a month on a Friday evening and all day Saturday for face-to-face classes, with online work in between. Completion of the program affords graduates opportunities to move forward for masters and doctoral programs in several different disciplines. The six integrated courses focus on the following leadership dimensions and principles:

### **Symbolic Leadership**

- Every decision made supports achieving the vision.

### **Child Development Leadership**

- Children's development and learning are facilitated based on current knowledge of diverse patterns of child development, family systems and cultures, and effective pedagogies and interventions.

### **Leading Learning Organizations**

- Learner-centered principles are used with children, staff, and families to create effective and strategic organizations.

### **Reflective Leadership**

- A culture of inquiry is used to promote change in the service of better outcomes for children, families, professionals, and organizations.

### **Collaborative Leadership**

- The leader builds relationships that foster true collaboration, leading by making others powerful.

### **Strategic Leadership**

- Opportunities for program/organization growth and service are systematically evaluated and pursued through strategic planning.

### **Political Leadership**

- The leader is an effective voice for the field and “enrolls every voice” at every program and policy level to meet the needs of children and families.

### **Overarching core principles:**

- Inclusiveness is expressed in all facets of the organization’s work.
- The leader lives in the realm of possibility; demonstrating the courage to challenge the status quo and invent new ways of thinking and acting.

One hundred and fifty-four Buell Fellows have completed the program to date and are leading change to improve the lives of young children and their families across Colorado. Alumni of the program can participate in The Buell Early Childhood Leaders Network, which offers:

- Opportunities to deepen or diversify their professional network.
- Exposure to new people or ideas related to leading in early childhood.
- Access to tools, resources, and groups of people to more effectively lead in specific areas of the early childhood system.

Applications will be available November 15th at [www.ucdenver.edu/education/buell](http://www.ucdenver.edu/education/buell). **Applications must be submitted by January 17, 2017.** Additional information about the program can be found in this video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYkAk2x\\_IHs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYkAk2x_IHs)

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