



Greetings,

We are excited to announce that the [Emergent Literacy Micro-Credential](#) applications are now open for the fall 2026 term.

This no-cost, 60-hour micro-credential can be completed in 14 weeks. Educators gain emergent literacy knowledge and skills through online modules and then apply their learning in their classrooms.

This program will run from August 31 to December 8.

How to Apply

Step 1

All learners must create an account in the new Lastinger Learning portal to apply to and participate in our programs.

[Create your account.](#)

Step 2

Apply by August 7!

[Apply on the website.](#)

The application window may close earlier if capacity is reached.

Benefits

- Possible \$1,000 completion stipend for eligible instructional personnel
 - Stipends are limited to one (1) per person. For full eligibility and stipend distribution details, please visit the [Stipends Hub](#)
- 60 professional learning hours / 6.0 CEUs
- 40 hours to satisfy the Reading Requirement
- Emergent literacy skills and knowledge with high-quality content

Program Information

- Created in partnership with the Florida Department of Education and the Division of Early Learning
- Free to enroll for Florida child care personnel
- Work at your own pace
- Implement new instructional strategies in real-time
- Receive individualized feedback and one-on-one support from a course navigator
- **Seats are limited! Apply by August 1 for the fall 2026 term**

Program Eligibility

The Emergent Literacy Micro-Credential is available for free to birth through pre-kindergarten child care personnel in Florida (public or private), including but not limited to:

- Teachers
- Program directors
- Interventionists
- Instructional coaches
- Head Start personnel
- Early Learning Coalition Personnel physically working with a provider, such as instructors, directors, and coaches

To learn more about the Emergent Literacy Micro-Credential, including eligibility, please visit the [Lastinger Learning website](#). If you have any questions, please email lastinger@coe.ufl.edu.