

Considerations about EarlyEdU Alliance™ for Institutions of Higher Education

EarlyEdU Alliance™ recognizes that institutions of higher education (IHEs) serve different communities and have different needs. So we encourage you to think about whether partnership with EarlyEdU is suitable for your institution. Here are some factors to consider.

We are committed to increasing access to affordable bachelor's degrees in early childhood education, particularly for those already working in the field. These questions will help you determine if your IHE can work effectively with the EarlyEdU Alliance.

- Does my IHE offer a degree in early childhood education or a related field (e.g., human development, or child and family studies)?
- Does my IHE have a substantial number of students who currently work in early childhood settings?

Our approach emphasizes competency-based assignments that require students to film themselves interacting with young children. These questions will help you determine if you and your students will benefit from EarlyEdU courses and technology.

- Can I help my students arrange field experiences if they do not already work or volunteer in an early childhood setting?
- Are my students able to complete video assignments in their workplaces or field experience placements?
- Are my students and I willing to use video to give and get high-quality feedback about their teaching practices?
- Am I interested in using competency-based assignments to help my students improve their teaching practices?

If your answer to these questions is “yes,” we hope you will be active in our growing alliance. For more information about how your IHE can participate in the 2016–17 pilot, email info@earlyedualliance.org.

Even if your IHE does not have all the characteristics of an effective Alliance member, you may still have opportunities to support our efforts. For example, you could offer EarlyEdU online courses that would count toward early childhood education degrees granted by another IHE. Your state team can put you in touch with potential partners in the Alliance. Email info@earlyedualliance.org for more information.