



## News Release

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### **NEW ONLINE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DEGREE SUPPORTED BY \$410 BILLION STIMULUS PLAN**

Just two months after President Obama announced a \$410 billion stimulus plan that highlights early childhood education initiatives, Rasmussen College is officially launching its [Associate of Science degree in Early Childhood Education online](#).

According to Eric J. Karola, Ph.D, and Executive Director of the Early Care and Education Consortium, the stimulus plan includes a \$65 million increase for the Child Care and Development Block Grant, a \$235 million increase for Head Start, and additional increases to other early childhood education initiatives (<http://mail.ccie.com/go/eed/3205>).

A March 26 article in the Child Care Exchange newsletter, *Exchange Every Day*, outlined the education initiative and stated that the President expressed a strong commitment to care and education programs, which includes an Early Learning Child Grant.

Rasmussen College launched its program online at the beginning of April, and is now enrolling students to begin July 6. The College has been offering the program at several of its other campuses in Minnesota.

“The commitment to education by President Obama speaks volumes to the potential of education professionals,” Director of the School of Education Cecelia Westby said. “Early childhood education professionals are able to contribute to the growth and development of our most important resource—young children—and there are excellent career opportunity for these professionals.”

The Early Childhood Education degree at Rasmussen College prepares students to work in areas such as pre-schools, child care centers, school districts, and in the classroom. Early Childhood Education is a degree within the School of Education at Rasmussen College.

Career placement assistance is also available to graduates. To date, 100 percent of the 97 graduates of the School of Education have been placed in careers in their field.

For more information on the new online Early Childhood Education degree, please visit [www.Rasmussen.edu](http://www.Rasmussen.edu).

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