



## Dual Training Pipeline

# Early Childhood Education Application

Deadline July 10, 2026

### Applicant Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Education Background

Highest level of education completed:

- High School Diploma/GED
- Some College
- CDA Credential
- Associate Degree

Bachelor's Degree

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Current school or training program (if applicable):

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### **Program Interest**

Which credential or degree are you pursuing through the Dual Training Program?

Early Childhood Certificate (NCTC or NWT)

Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education (NWT)

Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education (U of M Crookston)

Why are you interested in participating in this program?

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## **Dual Training Early Childhood Education Essay Requirement**

As part of the application process, please submit a typed essay (500 words) answering the following questions (AI is not acceptable):

1. Why are you interested in participating in the Dual Training Pipeline Program?
2. Describe your experience working with children and families. What have you learned from these experiences?
3. What educational credential, certificate, or degree do you plan to pursue, and why is it important to your professional development?
4. How will completing this training benefit the children, families, and program you serve?
5. What are your long-term career goals in the early childhood education field?
6. Describe any challenges you may face while completing this training and how you plan to overcome them.

## Employment Commitment

1. Are you willing to complete all required coursework and training activities?  
 Yes  No
  2. Are you willing to participate in scheduled on-the-job training and mentoring?  
 Yes  No
  3. Do you understand that satisfactory job performance and academic progress are required to remain in the program?  
 Yes  No
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## Applicant Statement

I understand that participation in the Dual Training Pipeline Program requires commitment to both employment and educational training. I agree to actively participate in all required coursework, maintain satisfactory academic progress, and communicate regularly with my supervisor regarding my training progress.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Office Use Only:**

**Grant Committee Recommendation**

Grant Committee Comments:

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**Essay Evaluation Criteria:**

- Commitment to the early childhood profession 10 points
- Career and educational goals 10 points
- Communication skills 10 points
- Readiness to participate in training and coursework 10 points
- Potential for professional growth and leadership 10 points

**Grant Committee Representative Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Administrative Approval**

Approved

Not Approved

Comments:

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**Director Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_