

# Office of Special Education Program (OSEP) Grant Scholarship Opportunity

School of Education (Early Childhood Special Education)  
School of Social Work



## Program Goal

The University of St. Thomas has received a Personnel Preparation in Special Education Grant from the U.S. Department of Education – Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). This grant titled, “Trauma Informed Interdisciplinary Practices (TIIP): Developing early intervention professionals to meet high-intensity needs of children with significant disabilities, from immigrant and refugee communities” helps our university advance the common good by preparing individuals from diverse cultural communities to fill critical shortages in early childhood special education and social work to serve children with disabilities. Participants will receive a scholarship worth a maximum of \$10,000 applicable to tuition.

## Who Should Apply

We are seeking interested candidates to work towards an initial or additional license in early childhood special education or a master's degree in social work. Candidates must be committed to serve at least two years following completion of the program with diverse individuals with disabilities.

## What Will the Program Look Like?

In this program, participants will participate in the following:

- Required disciplinary coursework in Early Childhood Special Education or Social Work
- Professional learning community
- Interdisciplinary collaborative courses
- Coordinated early intervention field experiences

Candidates complete five interdisciplinary collaborative courses.

Effective early intervention identifying disability characteristics in young children to gain access to meaningful and effective early intervention educationally and medically

Focusing on social and emotional mental health and family quality of life to support immigrant and refugee families and children

Becoming trauma-informed to meet the needs of immigrant and refugee families

Addressing behavior from a cultural perspective to provide culturally sustaining practices to support immigrant and refugee families and children

Engaging in personal self-care to support the emotional wellbeing of early childhood professionals

## How to Begin the Process

If interested, complete the following two steps.

1. Complete an interest [survey](#) (or scan the QR code), which will be screened for consideration for scholarships
2. Apply for admission into a University of St. Thomas graduate program.
  - School of Education – [Apply](#) for Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) License
  - School of Social Work – [Apply](#) for Master’s in Social Work



Note: Only admitted graduate students can be considered for the scholarship.

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