



Maryland Early Childhood Leadership Program (MECLP)

APPLICATION FOR 2020-2021 MECLP COHORT

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Jurisdiction of Residence: _____

Home Address: _____

In which program, organization or school system do you work? _____

In which Maryland jurisdiction do you work? _____

What position do you hold? _____

What is your job title? _____

Describe your responsibilities:

Describe your short-term and long-term professional goals:

How long have you been in the field of early childhood?

- 0-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 10-15 years
- 15+ years

What are the ages of children you work with? If you do not directly supervise children, what are the ages of the children you focus on?

- 0-3 years
- 0-5 years
- 6-12 years
- Birth-Grade 3
- K-12
- Other, please describe _____

What is the highest level of your education?

- Bachelor's Degree, Concentration: _____
- Master's Degree, Concentration: _____
- Post-Master's Degree, Concentration: _____
- Ed.D
- Ph.D., Concentration: _____

Our organization does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. In order to track the effectiveness of our recruiting efforts and ensure diversity among our participants, consider answering the following demographic questions:

Race/Ethnicity (check all that apply): White, Black or African American, American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Other Pacific Islander Hispanic, Non-Hispanic Prefer not to say Prefer to Self-Describe: _____

Gender: Female Male Non-binary/ third gender Prefer to self-describe _____ Prefer not to say

Why do you want to be a MECLP *Fellow*? How do your interests relate to the goals of MECLP as expressed in the cover letter? (Limit 500 words):

What leadership skills do you hope to gain from participation in the *Leading for Change in Early Childhood Education* course? (Limit 250 words):

Please tell us about your leadership experience(s)—in your job, in the community, in an organization(s), etc. (Limit 500 words):

Have you been involved in a leadership program in the past? If yes, please describe:

Is there additional information about yourself that is relevant to your application and this program that you would like to share with us?

Face to Face In Person sessions will be held on Saturdays from 9 AM-3 PM at:

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

1000 Hilltop Circle

Baltimore, MD 21250

October 24, 2020 (Orientation)

December 12, 2020 (Cohort I Capstone Project Presentations)

January 30, 2021

March 6, 2021

May 22, 2021

July 10, 2021

October 16, 2021

December 11, 2021

Applicants who are accepted into MECLP are expected to attend all in-person sessions as well as participate in all online learning and homework. **Please indicate if you are willing to make this commitment.** _____ Yes _____ No

I have secured the approval of my supervisor to participate in MECLP.

Supervisor's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Participation as a MECLP Fellow requires two professional Letters of Reference. Please list the following information for your references. *Please provide your references with the link to the Reference Template found at meclp.umbc.edu.* You are welcome to use your supervisor as one of your references.

Reference #1:

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Title: _____

What is your relationship or in what capacity do you know this individual? _____

Reference #2:

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Title: _____

What is your relationship or in what capacity do you know this individual? _____

Please include your current resume with your application.

Unofficial transcripts from all completed degree programs should be emailed to:
meclp@umbc.edu

Please note that in order to be accepted in the Graduate School of UMBC, you must have a 3.0 GPA or higher on your Bachelor's transcript.

Applicants considered as finalists will be invited for an interview with members of the MECLP Advisory Committee and will be asked to provide a writing sample following the interview.

- Confirm
- Will need accommodations for the writing portion:

Applications are due by June 19, 2020.
Interview window: Mid-July through mid-August 2020.
Decisions are expected to be made by August 31, 2020.

Course Fees:

SHER 601 is an elective course in the Community Leadership Program in the Department of Professional Studies at UMBC. The Sherman Center for Early Learning in Urban Communities will cover the SHER 601 course tuition estimated at \$2,400. Cohort members selected for 2020/21 will be billed a \$250 program fee to cover instructional materials.

The Division of Early Childhood in the Maryland State Department of Education partially supports MECLP.

Thank you for your interest in MECLP and for applying to become a MECLP Fellow.