



Education in Action EDU 119 Application

(please print)

Name: _____

Telephone Number: Work: _____ Cell: _____

Current Employer: _____ Job Title: _____

Age of children you work with: _____ Number of Children enrolled in your class: _____

Date of Hire: _____ Work status: Temporary FT or PT (less than 20 hrs. per week)

Work Schedule: _____
(Include days of the week you typically work and the hours you are scheduled normally)

The facility where I am employed: (check all that apply)

- Is planning to increase its star rating.
- Has a GS-110, one, two or three star rating. Please attach a copy of the facility license.
- Has 6 or less staff education points. Your facility's staff education points is _____.

To be eligible to receive the bonus, participants must:

- Successfully complete the course identified below, with a grade B or higher.
- Work collaboratively with Smart Start Rowan to receive bi-weekly TA visits throughout the course.
- Meet at least 1 course-related professional development goal.

Course Prefix and Number	Course Title	Total Semester Hours
EDU 119	<i>Intro to Early Childhood</i>	4

My signature below verifies the following:

- All of the information provided above is complete and accurate;
- I have attached a copy of my facility's star rated license;
- I have read and agree to abide by the participation criteria for the *Education in Action* activity.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Facility education points: _____ Facility Star Rating: _____ Application received: _____

Application approved: YES NO SSR Staff Signature: _____

SSR Supervisor Approval Signature: _____ Date: _____

Education in Action Program Details

Smart Start Rowan's (SSR) Education in Action activity provides support to child care staff to help them complete additional Early Childhood Education coursework, and receive technical assistance/professional development planning for accessing higher education. This program is open to Rowan County early educators, working at least 20 hours per week, serving children from birth to age 5, in a licensed child care program with 6 or less education points, receiving priority. Bonuses may be provided for program participation, as funding allows. The *Education in Action* activity is contingent upon the availability of funding and may be discontinued without prior notice by Smart Start Rowan.

Criteria for Participation*

*Proof of acceptance in the course, EDU 119 at Rowan Cabarrus Community College, is required.

1. Participants will be selected according to the following guidelines, which are listed in order of priority.
 - Employed at facilities with 6 or less staff education points, are prioritized.
 - Employed at a facility with a GS-110, one, two or three star license, prioritized by lowest star rating first.
2. Participants must be permanent employees serving children ages birth to five in a licensed Rowan County child care facility and employed a minimum of 20 hours per week while enrolled in the curriculum class.
3. Participants must agree to work toward the goal of integrating and applying the skills learned in the Early Childhood course by meeting the following objectives:
 - Stay current in reading and attendance.
 - Complete classroom assignments.
 - Work with SSR's Early Education Program Lead to fully participate in on-site (virtual when required) bi-weekly technical assistance visits, throughout the entire length of the course. Technical assistance will be provided to ensure that information learned in the Early Childhood course is appropriately implemented in the classroom or family child care home.
 - Work with SSR's Early Education Program Lead to develop an individual course related professional development plan, which will identify skills needed to successfully implement course content into the Early Childhood classroom.

Eligibility for Cash Bonus

To be eligible to receive a cash bonus, participants must meet the following requirements:

- Participants must successfully complete, with a grade B or higher, the designated *Education in Action* course as identified on this application.
- Documentation of bi-weekly TA meetings with SSR's Early Education Program Lead.
- Documentation that at least one (1) goal as outlined in the course-related professional development plan, was successfully met. This can include photos, written summary etc.

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Submit this form by email to:

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