Are you:

- interested in making a difference in the lives of young children with disabilities and their families?
- furthering your career in Early Childhood Special Education?
- concerned that you don’t have the time or money to do it?

Project LEA may be just what you’re looking for!

http://www.utoledo.edu/education/grants/projectlea

We are currently accepting applications for our 3rd cohort, with classes beginning Fall Semester, 2015.

You can apply online at:
http://www.utoledo.edu/education/grants/projectlea

- Application Deadline: May 31st, 2015; however, please inquire if you still wish to apply.
- Admission decisions will be made by June 15th 2015; however, applications will be considered after June 15th if there are any remaining openings.

Classes start August 24th, 2015

To learn more about this exciting opportunity, please visit our website or contact our Project Manager, Dr. Lyn Hale at lyn.hale@utoledo.edu or 419.530.5292.

Interested but not ready to enroll in Fall 2015?
Project LEA will be recruiting additional cohorts of preschool supervisors to begin the program in spring semester 2017.
Project LEA offers an online program of study leading to an Education Specialist degree (Ed.S.) that can be completed in two years of part-time study through the University of Toledo. *Tuition costs for the 32 semester hour program are paid by USDOE.*

The Ed.S. degree is an advanced graduate degree for individuals who have a Master’s degree but don’t want to enroll in a doctoral program. There are no project or thesis requirements for the Ed.S. degree.

- Individuals enrolled in the program will complete two courses per Fall and Spring semesters and three courses in the Summer. Individuals will also complete an internship during which some hours can be completed “on the job”.

- The program of study emphasizes the ability of preschool supervisors to enhance services for young children with special needs and their families through a focus on program outcomes and accountability.

- The curriculum is aligned with ODE initiatives related to developing teacher leaders, program accountability and Ohio’s Race to the Top — Early Learning Challenge grant.

**In order to be accepted into the program, preschool supervisors must:**

1. be eligible for admission to the Judith Herb College of Education Ed.S. program at the University of Toledo (i.e., have a 3.0 GPA from an accredited Master’s program), AND
2. be currently supervising preschool special needs teachers, OR.
3. have an interest in moving into such a supervisory position and hold the necessary supervisory credential or be enrolled in a program that leads to this credential

Please be sure to visit our website for details, especially the FAQs page. [http://www.utoledo.edu/education/grants/projectlea](http://www.utoledo.edu/education/grants/projectlea)

As required by the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE), scholars who receive tuition support through Project LEA will be required to adhere to a Service Obligation that requires them to remain in the field of ECSE/SPED for a specific period of time or pay back the tuition funding provided by the USDOE.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Project LEA Program of Study is a ‘stand alone’ sequence of classes; it does **NOT** lead to any certificate or license, such as the Lead Teacher Endorsement.

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