



Education in Action EDU 119 Application

(please print)

Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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: 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 as verified by a copy of the final grade report/unofficial transcript.
- Work collaboratively with Smart Start Rowan's (SSR) Early Education Program Lead to receive bi-weekly TA visits (onsite/virtual) throughout the course.
- Meet at least 1 course related professional development goal.

Course Prefix and Number	Course Title	Total Semester Hours
EDU 119	Intro to Early Childhood	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;
- Employment information is accurate and can be verified by the employer;
- I have completed the application including the information provided by my Director;
- I have read and agree to abide by the participation criteria for the *Education in Action* activity.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Application approved: YES NO SSR Staff Signature: _____

The following letter of support confirms my agreement for the applicant to participate in the Education in Action activity. I understand as part of participation I must allow Smart Start Rowan to visit my facility to provide technical assistance and work directly with the applicant in efforts to better implement skills learned in class. I also agree to provide information to Smart Start Rowan regarding the impact this activity has had on the overall quality of my program as seen through staff education and any additional areas that may be relevant. I agree to provide information regarding the education level of all staff employed at my facility in an effort to assist in collecting data regarding the impact of providing additional college level classes and how this relates to the education points on the Division of Child Development & Early Education's star rated license.

My signature below verifies that the information contained within is accurate and correct and I have received and understand Smart Start Rowan's CCR&R complaint policy and understand their role in reporting licensing violations.

Director/Owner 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, serving children birth to age 5. Priority for program participation will be given to facilities with 6 or less education points and those with a GS-110, one, two, or three-star license, prioritized by lowest star rating first. 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

1. Participants will be selected according to the following guidelines, which are listed in order of priority.
 - Proof of acceptance in the course, EDU 119 at Rowan Cabarrus Community College.
 - Facilities with 6 or less staff education points.
 - Facilities 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 zero 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) technical assistance visits.
 - Provide a letter of support from his/her supervisor showing agreement of his/her effort to participate in the *Education in Action* (EIA) activity.
 - Work with SSR's Early Education Program Lead to develop an individual course related professional development improvement 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.
- Work collaboratively with SSR's Early Education Program Lead. 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.
- Successfully meet at least one (1) goal as outlined in the course related professional development plan.

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Submit this form by email no later than _____ to: Jamie Guagliano,
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