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MORGRIDGE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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Dear Prospective Student,

You are invited to apply to the University of Denver's **Early Childhood Special Education Master's program** and if accepted consider applying for the ***Donne & Sue Fisher Scholarship***. The Morgridge College of Education awards significant scholarships from The Donne & Sue Fisher Scholarship fund that provide support for students pursuing a Master's degree in Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE). This scholarship is open to eligible students who have a demonstrated financial need and display high academic standards.

The Donne & Sue Fisher Scholarship actively supports the ECSE program, which aims to develop MA program students' knowledge, assessment and intervention skills, and implementation in order to prepare the graduates to directly serve and improve the development and educational achievement of young children with disabilities and their families in Colorado. The investment in quality early learning and development for children with disabilities is of primary concern and in high demand in Colorado. The program goal is to prepare highly competent, collaborative, ethical, and self-reflective ECSE Specialists. The ECSE program is aligned with the Colorado Department of Education's license for the Early Childhood Special Education Specialist and creates a systemic approach that will build a strong pipeline of ECSE practitioners and Early Childhood leaders in Colorado.

Why Apply?

- There is a high demand for ECSE professionals in Colorado and nationwide.
- There are variety of career opportunities that include—Itinerant ECSE Specialist, ECSE classroom teacher, Early Interventionist, Child Find assessment specialist, Service Coordinator, Early Childhood policy and leader.
- Salaries are higher for ECSE's than general Early Childhood Education teachers.
- Curriculum focuses on serving families & children with disabilities and special needs from ages birth to 8 and includes courses on infant & child development, play-based, authentic assessment methods, behavior and academic intervention, professional, ethical, and legal issues, early academic skills, low incidence disabilities, and much more.
- Hands-on experience through the Fisher Early Learning Center and other community organizations.
- Opportunities to participate in cutting edge research.
- Smaller class sizes give you personalized attention from professors.
- Degree meets licensure requirements to teach children birth to 8 years in Colorado.
- Flexible program for working professionals that can be completed in 2 years or longer.
- Significant scholarships are available.

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Sincerely,

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