

## Masters of Education in YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The UIC Master of Education in Youth Development is committed to educating a variety of youth-dedicated professionals to foster knowledge, skills, and passion to enable them to work with youth in urban contexts. Individuals will be prepared to work with young people in realizing their full potential through creating spaces, programs, and organizations that support youth in meeting the challenges of developing their emotional, physical, social, and intellectual selves and in gaining a voice and place in society so that they can successfully navigate the transition from dependence to independence.

Students construct an individualized 32-credit program of study from a wide range of core required and elective courses. **Core courses are selected in each of the following areas:**

- **Developmental Theory (6 credits)**
- **Research and Methodology (12 credits)**
- **Culminating Experience (5 credits)**
- **Specialization (9 credits)**

Students also develop an area of specialization through electives (9 credits). Elective courses can be selected from areas within or outside of the College of Education, including but not limited to curriculum development, criminal justice, policy, public health, theater arts, music, sociology, gender and women's studies, social and emotional learning, race and racism. The program also includes two semesters of field-based coursework where students work in a youth service organization and attend a reflective seminar.

### Please join us for an informational session:

Wednesday, December 10, 2008	4 pm – 5 pm
Tuesday, January 6, 2009	4 pm – 5 pm
Wednesday, February 4, 2009	12 noon – 1 pm
Thursday, February 19, 2009	4 pm – 5 pm

#### College of Education Master's Degree Info Sessions (with representation from all degree programs):

Tuesday, November 18, 2008	6 pm – 8pm
Saturday, January 24, 2009	10 am – 12 noon

**3233 EPASW (Commons Room)  
UIC College of Education  
1040 W. Harrison Street, Chicago, IL 60607**

*If you plan to attend an information session, please RSVP online at  
<http://education.uic.edu/prst/recruit.cfm>*

**Application Deadline for Fall 2009 admission: March 15, 2009**

**For further information about this program, contact  
Stacey Horn, Program Director & Associate Professor: [sshorn@uic.edu](mailto:sshorn@uic.edu)**

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### ***How long will it take me?***

Two to three years depending on whether you go full-time or part-time.

### ***Can I attend part-time?***

Yes! Students can take as few as one course a semester.

### ***When do the courses meet?***

Most of the courses meet in the evenings from 5 pm -8 pm one day a week.

### ***Is financial aid available?***

All financial aid programs available to students at UIC are available for this program.

### ***What will I be able to do with my degree when I'm done?***

Make a difference!

### **Types of Youth Development Professionals**

**Community Organizers** who work with young people to use their skills and resources to advocate for change in their schools, communities, states, and nationally.

**Classroom Teachers** who want to enhance students' abilities to engage in personal and social transformation.

**After School Coordinators** who work with youth to enhance their physical, social, and emotional well-being.

**Public Health Professionals** who work with youth to enhance community based health programs.

**Juvenile Justice Advocates** who work to create criminal, social, and family systems that support young people and provide them with positive developmental opportunities that allow them to flourish.

### ***How do I apply?***

Applications are available on the College of Education website at <http://education.uic.edu/>. Application deadline for Fall 2009 admission is March 15, 2009.

### ***What if I have questions?***

Contact Stacey Horn, Program Director and Associate Professor, at [sshorn@uic.edu](mailto:sshorn@uic.edu) or (312) 413 -3679.