Ready to get started?

Contact Dani Rose, our study tour coordinator, to begin!
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NOW SCHEDULING!

Fully customizable professional development designed to fit individual educator or groups of educators needs and interests.

Read on to see if study tours could be the professional development you have been looking for!

“Thank you so much for allowing us to visit your center. It was wonderful and I have already started making some BIG changes in my classroom. It seems like the more I visit, the more changes I get excited about making.”
-2016 study tour participant
Study Tours at the Early Learning Center

In 2015, the Early Learning Center began offering study tours to the early learning community following the success of the first annual Early Learning Institute (our annual summer conference). We wanted to give educators the opportunity to visit and learn with us throughout the year. ELC educators have benefited greatly from their own participation in study tours throughout the years and are now sharing their experiences with others here at the ELC! We are pleased to offer a totally customizable experience based on the unique needs of the participating educators and the programs they represent. When educators participate in study tours they are in dialogue with one another, thinking deeply about their own practice, getting new ideas, and making plans to try new things in their own classrooms. We are pleased to offer this option to educators and are always excited to build new relationships with programs!

SAMPLE TOPICS:

Nature-Based Learning
Staff Development
Supporting Children’s Inquiry
Pedagogical Documentation
In-Depth Project Work
Environmental Design
Infant, Toddler, Preschool, & Kindergarten Curriculum

We are always happy to build a customized program; let us know your needs and we’ll build something just for you!

“IT just helps me makes sense of the big ideas we are studying.”
-2016 study tour participant on how the study tour experience was helpful to her practice.

Rates
$100
per educator, per day

Includes:
Full day, customized programming
Tours/Observation time
Lunch, snacks, & coffee
Professional development credit

*students: inquire about special rates & discounts

Sample Schedule

*This schedule was developed for a program based on their desires for their own practice.*

8:30 Welcome & Program Intro
9:00 Tour and Observation Time
12:00 Lunch & Q&A with ELC Educator Topic: Toddlers and Project Work
1:30 Afternoon Session 1: Documentation Tools, Tips, & Tricks
3:00 Break
3:30 Final Reflections and Follow Up: ELC Educator & Director Panel
4:30 Departure