



Works at:
Rise Early Intervention-
Arizona Early Intervention
Program (AzEIP)

Position Title:
Developmental Specialist
Interventionist

What do you do at Rise Early Intervention?

I work with families of children 0-3 years old who have a disability or developmental delay. Our program emphasizes working within the children's everyday routines and environment to encourage parents to incorporate strategies to assist their child's individual needs.

Favorite Part of the Position:

My favorite part of my position is the diverse population of families I serve. Every family has a diverse background and each child has individual needs. As a Developmental Specialist I focus on all areas of development for that child and work along with the parents to achieve certain outcomes. I also really enjoy the experience of working along with skilled Physical, Speech and Occupational Therapists to ensure each child has their needs met.

How Did FSHD Classes & Internships Prepare You for this Work?

Courses such as Infancy/Child Development and Prevention and Treatment of Problems in Child/Adolescent Development and Relations helped me prepare for this job. So did other courses and volunteer opportunities while in the major. Beside this, I also worked for a child care center while in college to gain hands on experience working with young children, which is the population I was interested in working with after graduation.

How did you find this position? What was the Application Process or Interview Process Like?

I heard about AzEIP in my Infancy/Child Development course and also while working for a child care center during college. I found a job opening online while working at my first job after college and decided to apply for the position as it was related to working directly with children and their families.

I submitted my application through Rise Early Intervention's website. Since I had been preparing to submit applications while in the FSHD major (in the Leadership, Ethics, and Professional Practices course – FSHD 384), updating my application and completing the process was easier. After a week I received a call for an interview and I began preparing for the interview questions that would be based on my experience within early childhood development. The day after my interview I received a call and got the job offer, I was very excited to hear back from the program so soon and accepted the job right away.

Tips for Students Interested in Pursuing a Position Like This:

Seek opportunities to gain experience in areas you are interested in. Don't be afraid to ask questions to other professionals or friends about their path to success, there is always something new to learn from everyone.