

Graduate Course Description Form

Course Number: IGC 646

Course Name: How Does Childhood Trauma Impact Brain Development & Learning in K-12 Education? For all Content Areas

Instructor: Casey Rekowski

Credits Earned: 3 Graduate Credits, which equates to:

- 67.5 PDPs (courses taken prior to June 8, 2026)
- 22.5 PDPs (courses taken after June 8, 2026)

Credits Issued By: Gordon College

Course Fee: \$675 (\$625 with early registration)

Course Description:

This course is designed for educators interested in learning why students who experience trauma- inducing experiences are more at risk for acting out at school and also dropping out. Course content will explain the impact of adverse childhood events (ACEs) on brain development and give teachers strategies that can help them explore ways that they can make their classrooms trauma sensitive and a safe place for all learners. This course is aligned to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.