

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education (<https://umdearborn.edu/cehhs/graduate-programs/areas-study/ma-early-childhood-education/>) includes three program options for teachers, administrators, other service providers and educators who wish to learn how to serve young children and their families. The Early Childhood (ZS) Endorsement and the Early Childhood Special Education Inclusion options are for those who are already certified elementary teachers. The Early Childhood Administration and Leadership option is for non-certified professionals who are interested in early childhood leadership and administration. Courses are offered with the working professional in mind. Most courses required for the master's degree are offered during evening and summer hours and include several online courses.

Admission Requirements & Application

Eligibility for regular admission includes:

- Completed application form
- \$60.00 application fee
- Official transcript(s) from each college/university attended
- Completion of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- 3.0 (B) undergraduate/graduate grade point average or better
- Three professional letters of recommendation using required form
- Statement of purpose
- Valid state of Michigan teaching certificate if seeking the Early Childhood (ZS) endorsement

The university's academic policies for graduate students (<http://catalog.umd.umich.edu/academic-policies-graduate/>) apply.

Program of Study

The Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education is a 30 credit hour degree program that features three program options for teachers, administrators, or other service providers who wish to serve young children and their families.

Students are strongly recommended to elect at least one core class during the first year of work. Completion of all core classes is recommended within the first 20 credit hours. All core classes must be elected on the UM-Dearborn campus.

The Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education with the Early Childhood (ZS) Endorsement

The Master of Arts in Early Childhood Endorsement (ZS) program is designed for certified elementary teachers wishing to gain competency in the general and special education of young children birth to eight. This program provides an inquiry-based constructionist early childhood curriculum development and an inclusive trans-disciplinary approach to early childhood education. A minimum of 30 credit hours is required. **This program requires fieldwork (EDD 594 Internship) at the UM-Dearborn Early Childhood Education Center during a summer semester.**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Coursework:		
EDC 540	Advanced Child Development	3
EDC 645	Transdisc Appr. Assess/Collab ¹	3
EDK 500	Intro to Research in Education	3
Professional Studies:		
EDB 522	Lead Advoc Admin Early Child	3
EDC 531	Constructivist Education	3
EDC 542	EC:Fam/Sch/Com Collab Mult Soc	3
EDC 545	Develop Assess of Young Child	3
EDD 536	Grad Sem in Early Childhood Ed	3
EDD 546	Intervention Strat EC Spec Ed ²	3
EDD 594	Early Childhood Ed Internship ³	3
Total Credit Hours		30

¹ EDC 645 requires prerequisite course EDC 414 or 514, or permission of instructor

² EDD 546 requires a prerequisite undergraduate course in teaching children with special needs or elect EDC 514 or EDC 561 to fulfill the prerequisite.

³ EDD 594 requires the prerequisite course EDD 536

Note: Undergraduate and graduate transcripts will be evaluated for courses relevant to early childhood education.

To be recommended for the ZS endorsement (Early Childhood Education/General and Special Education), candidates must provide documentation that they have passed the Michigan Teacher Test for Certification (MTTC) Early Childhood Education/General and Special Education examination.

Masters of Arts with Early Childhood Special Education Inclusion

The Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education with Early Childhood Special Education Inclusion is a non-endorsement program for teachers holding an Early Childhood (ZA/ZS) endorsement. The unique internship opportunities offered in partnership with the Early Childhood Education Center and the Beaumont Children's Center for Exceptional Families focus on inclusive early childhood theories and practices. The program provides significant knowledge and skills for teaching children with disabilities using a trans-disciplinary inclusive approach. A minimum of 30 credit hours is required.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Coursework		
EDC 540	Advanced Child Development	3
EDC 645	Transdisc Appr. Assess/Collab ¹	3
EDK 500	Intro to Research in Education	3
Professional Studies:		
EDC 531	Constructivist Education	3
EDC 539	Child Maltreatment and Trauma	3
EDC 546	Cog/Memory Dev in Children	3
EDD 536	Grad Sem in Early Childhood Ed	3
EDD 546	Intervention Strat EC Spec Ed ²	3
EDD 650	Internship ECSE ³	3

PDED 505	Sp Ed Legislatn and Litigation	3
Total Credit Hours		30

¹ EDC 645 requires prerequisite course EDC 414 or 514, or permission of instructor

² EDD 546 requires a prerequisite EDC 514 or equivalent

³ EDD 650 requires prerequisite course EDD 536

Note: Undergraduate and graduate transcripts will be evaluated for courses relevant to Early Childhood Special Education Inclusion.

Master of Arts in Early Childhood for Early Childhood Administration and Leadership

The Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education for Early Childhood Administration and Leadership program is designed for non-certified professionals who are interested in early childhood leadership and administration. In the Early Childhood field there is a growing need for administrators and leaders in early childhood. This program will serve professionals (Directors, Education Coordinators and Curriculum Specialists) who need further preparation in supervision, and field experience in administration and leadership. A minimum of 30 credit hours is required.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Coursework:		
EDB 522	Lead Advoc Admin Early Child	3
EDD 536	Grad Sem in Early Childhood Ed	3
EDK 500	Intro to Research in Education	3
Professional Studies:		
EDB 583	Program Evaluation	3
EDD 537	Administrative Intern in EC ¹	3
PDED 505	Sp Ed Legislatn and Litigation	3
Electives		
Choose four courses from the following:		12
EDB 540	School Budgeting and Finance	
EDB 560	Admin of Human Resources	
EDC 531	Constructivist Education	
EDC 540	Advanced Child Development	
EDT 585	Technology for Administrators	
Total Credit Hours		30

¹ EDD 537 requires prerequisite course EDD 536

Note: Undergraduate and graduate transcripts will be evaluated for courses relevant to Early Childhood Administration and Leadership.