

# EARLY CHILDHOOD

The Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood is paired with elementary teacher certification to qualify you to teach all subjects in grades K-5; with the option to become certified to teach early childhood upon meeting the endorsement requirements. Within the basic elementary education degree curriculum, it enables students to meet State requirements for a Michigan Elementary Standard Teaching Certificate and the Early Childhood Endorsement (ZS) as well as to gain special competencies in the area of early childhood. It prepares individuals for careers in childcare centers, working with young children and their families, birth through kindergarten, as well as in the elementary grades 1-5. The program includes a concentrated study of the young child in infant/toddler, preschool, and early school contexts with extensive opportunities for field experiences in a variety of settings.

## Dearborn Discovery Core

Please see the Dearborn Discovery Core (General Education) (<https://umdearborn.edu/dearborn-discovery-core/>) webpage or additional information.

### Foundational Studies

Writing and Communication (GEWO) – 6 Credits

Upper-Level Writing Intensive (GEWI) – 3 Credits

Quantitative Thinking and Problem Solving (GEQT) – 3 Credits

Critical and Creative Thinking (GECC) – 3 Credits

### Areas of Inquiry

Natural Science (GENS) – 7 Credits

- Lecture/Lab Science Course
- Additional Science Course

Social and Behavioral Analysis (GESB) – 9 Credits

Humanities and the Arts (GEHA) – 6 Credits

Intersections (GEIN) – 6 Credits

### Capstone

Capstone (GECE) – 3 Credits

## Core Course Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Language Arts</b>		
COMP 105	Writing & Rhetoric I	3
EXPS 298	Exploring Writing to Communicate, Learn, & Teach	3
LING 280	Introduction to Linguistics	3
LIBR 465	Literature for Children	3
or EDA 236	Literacy in Grades 3-6	
<b>Social Studies</b>		
EXPS 282	History & Civics Elem Schools	3
EXPS 283	Geography & Econ Elem Schools	3
or EDM 292	The world around us: Integrated world geography for upper elementary teachers	

### Mathematics

MATH 385	Math for Elemen Teachers I	3
MATH 386	Math for Elem Teachers II	3
MATH 387	Math for Elem Teachers III (Not required for the Early Childhood major.)	3

### Science Studies

NSCI 231	Inquiry: Physical Science <sup>1</sup>	3
NSCI 232	Inquiry:Earth/Planet Science <sup>1</sup>	3
NSCI 233	Inquiry: Life Science <sup>1</sup>	3
EXPS 420	Science Capstone	3
Not required for the Early Childhood major.		

**Total Credit Hours** **39**

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Two of the three NSCI core courses may be transferred to UM-Dearborn. A) an introductory physical science will satisfy NSCI 231, B) an introductory earth/planetary science will satisfy NSCI 232, and C) an introductory life science course will satisfy NSCI 233. BIOL 240/BIOL 242 and NSCI 120/NSCI 121 cannot be used for science credit.

## Pre-Professional Requirements

Pre-professional courses are generally completed in the freshman and sophomore year.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
EDA 205	Introduction to Education	3
or EDA 200	Social Justice & Community Based Education	
EDA 419	Early Literacy/Language Devel	3
or EDA 219	Early Literacy: Birth to Grade 3	
Required for Early Childhood and Special Education Majors only		
EDC 240	Psych of Child Development	3
EDF 450	Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children and Families	3
EDT 211	Design Tech-Based Learn Solutn	3
EXPS 250	Elem Ed Vis & Perf Arts	3
EXPS 407	Inquiry-based Math and Science	3
Required for Early Childhood Majors only		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

## Major Requirements

A minimum of 34 semester hours from the following:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
EDC 414	Early Child Ed Special Needs	3
EDC 439	Child Maltreatment and Trauma	3
EDC 442	EC: Fam/Sch/Comm Collaboration	3
EDC 445	Develop Assess of Young Child	3
EDD 406	Teach Strategies Early Child	3
EDD 410	Practicum in Early Child Ed	1
EDD 411	Directed Tchg: Early Childhood	4
EDD 412	Seminar in Early Childhood Ed	2
EDC 431	Constructivist Education	3

EDC 440	The Child: Birth to Three	3
EDD 446	Intervention Strat EC Spec Ed	3
EDC 446	Cog/Memory Dev in Children	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>34</b>

**Major Notes:**

1. *With the approval of the Early Childhood Program Coordinator, a maximum of six credit hours of freshman and sophomore level transfer courses in early childhood will be considered for general credit toward the early childhood major.*
2. *An overall GPA of 2.75 or better is required for the major.*
3. *At least 15 semester hours in UM-Dearborn courses required for a major.*
4. *A grade of S is required in EDD 411.*

**Program Notes:**

1. *Minimum GPA's are required for program completion: 2.75 cumulative, 2.75 in major, 2.75 in optional minor(s), and 2.75 in Professional Studies.*
2. *Advising Policy: The student is responsible for complying with requirements described in the Undergraduate Catalog as well as on the Four Phase Checklist. Students are expected to meet with their College of Education, Health, and Human Services advisor at least once per year and in the term prior to graduation.*
3. *Courses taken on a PASS/FAIL basis will NOT be accepted toward program completion.*
4. *The minimum number of semester hours required to graduate is 128.*
5. *CEHHS recommends successful program completers for State of Michigan Certification, however, it is ultimately up to the State of Michigan to issue certificates. Certain offenses on a criminal record can keep individuals from obtaining teacher certification. Please refer to The Revised School Code, Act 451 of 1976, section 380.1539b.*
6. *Students must meet Dearborn Discovery Core requirements (<https://umdearborn.edu/dearborn-discovery-core/>).*