

ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATION TEACHING MAJOR - EARLY CHILDHOOD

The Early Childhood Education Program is designed for those intending to work with children, birth through eight years of age. 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.

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
Total Credit Hours		34

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 (<https://umdearborn.edu/academic-program-and-course-development/dearborn-discovery-core-general-education/>) requirements.

Professional Requirements

The professional sequence of education courses consists of a minimum of 43 semester hours of credit. This concentration of study represents the core of your professional preparation. At least one practicum is required prior to student teaching. The semester hours are distributed as follows:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Foundations		
EDA 340	Foundations of American Ed	3
or EDA 306	Foundations of Professionalism in Education	
Multicultural Education		
EXPS 410	Multicult in School and Soc	3
Not Required for Early Childhood Majors		
Psychology		
EDC 300	Educational Psychology	3
EDC 412	Social Devl/Pos Guidnce Techn (required for Early Childhood majors)	3
or EDC 417	Mgmt of Classroom Behavior	
EDC 460	Educating the Exceptional Chld	3
Not Required for Early Childhood Majors		
Methodologies (See Note #1 below)		
EDD 452	Methods of Teaching Math K-8	3
EDD 468	Teach Read/Lang Arts- Elem Grd ¹	3
EDD 467	Practicum in Reading Instruct ¹	1
EDD 471	Reading Instr. Models and Meth ¹	3
EDD 485	Teach Science in the Elem Grd	3
EDD 495	Elementary Social Studies Methods	3
Professional Semester (See Notes #3 & #5 below)		
EDD 435	Dir Teaching: Elementary Sch	10
EDD 437	Seminar: Teaching Elementary Grades	2
Total Credit Hours		43

¹ EDD 467 and EDD 471 are to be taken concurrently. Both require EDD 468 as a prerequisite.

Notes:

1. Enrollment in all the required EDD courses is open only to those who are officially admitted to and in good academic standing in the Teacher Certification Program at UM-Dearborn. See Four-Phase Checklist for more information.
2. Eligibility for directed teaching requires meeting all the requirements listed on the Four-Phase Checklist.

3. *Recommendations for teacher certification and additional endorsements require passing scores on the MTTC Elementary Education (#103) exam and other MTTC subject area tests.*
4. *Minimum number of hours to graduate is 128 semester hours.*

Learning Goals

1. Candidates for certification will be capable in their content specialty areas (teaching major(s) and/or minor(s)).
2. Candidates for certification will be capable users of pedagogical knowledge.
3. Candidates for certification will be reflective about their practice.