

Early Childhood Development and Learning Major

(B.S. in Ed. Degree, Provisional Elementary Certification)

Students who complete this major may take the Michigan Early Childhood Examination. Successful completion of this examination results in the addition of the Early Childhood (ZS) Endorsement to the student's teaching certificate. The ZS Endorsement is required for employment in Michigan Public School Preschool Programs. Completion of this major requires that students also complete Option 2: Comprehensive Major - Child Development on the B.S. in Ed degree.

Admission Requirements, Retention & Termination Standards

1. A minimum 2.7 GPA (B-) must be earned in all teaching majors.
2. A minimum 2.5 GPA and completion of (or enrollment in) one of the following courses (HDF 100, EDU 280, or PSY 220) are required for authorization of this major.
3. HDF 402 is a departmental methods course and must be completed with a grade of C+ or better before student teaching.
4. In order to meet Michigan Department of Education Standards for the ZS Endorsement Capstone Experience, student teaching assignments must take place in at least two of the three areas (infant/toddler, preschool, and K – 3) under the direction of a qualified cooperating teacher.

Required Courses (3 hours)

Select *one* of the following:

- EDU 280 – Education of Children 3(3-0)
- HDF 100 – Lifespan Development 3(3-0)
- PSY 220 – Developmental Psychology 3(3-0)

Development & Family Courses (15 hours)

- HDF 301 – Infant Toddler Practicum Experience 1-3(Spec)
- HDF 302 – Infant and Toddler Development 4(3-2)
- HDF 303 – Early Childhood Development 4(3-2)
- HDF 309 – Families, Schools, and Communities 3(3-0)
- HDF 400 – Developmental Assessment of Children 3(3-0)

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Learning Courses (17 hours)

EDU 525 – Early Childhood Education 3(3-0)

HDF 200 – Constructivism as a Tool for Learning 2(2-0)

HDF 402 – Human Growth and Development: Guidance for Young Children 3(Spec)

HDF 403 – Best Practices in Early Childhood Settings 3(3-0)

HDF 508 – Human Growth and Development: Preschool Administration 3(3-0)

SPE 585 – Early Childhood Special Education 3(3-0)

Total: 35 semester hours

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