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Early Childhood Education Endorsement

Teachers holding Michigan teacher certification in K-5, K-8, or Special Education are eligible to add the Early Childhood Education (ZA) Endorsement to their certificate to signify that they have completed the State of Michigan requirements for teaching children age birth through five years. The ZA code is posted to the teaching certificate upon completion of required coursework (determined by the standards of the State of Michigan[^] and by the faculty in the Department of Family & Child Ecology) and passing of the Early Childhood Education Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC).

State of Michigan law requires 300 child contact hours at the completion of the Early Childhood Education Endorsement. The ZA courses provide 150 contact hours. Students are expected to enter into the ZA program with at least 150 contact hours as a lead teacher with children ages birth to eight years. Those who have not accumulated at least 150 hours before entering the ZA program must meet State of Michigan contact hour requirement through internships or other experiences.

[^]Subject to change.

Early Childhood Education Endorsement Course Requirements:

FCE 320*	Interaction Processes with Children in Groups	3 credits
FCE 320L	Interaction with Children - Laboratory	1 credit
FCE 321	Curriculum for Early Childhood Programs	3 credits
FCE 321L	Curriculum for Early Childhood Programs - Laboratory	1 credit
FCE 424	Student Teaching in an Early Childhood Program	6 credits
FCE 449	Children and Youth with Special Needs and Their Families	3 credits
FCE 473	Administration of Early Childhood Programs	3 credits
One upper-level course with family-related content (FCE 414, 442, 444, 445, 470**, 497**)		3 credits
One upper-level course with child-related content (FCE 322, 411***, 470**, 497**)		<u>3 credits</u>
		Total 26 credits

* A course in early child development (conception through early childhood) or early child psychology is prerequisite to this course. The prerequisite course may be taken at a community college or another university.

** These courses are current issues/special topics classes. The content must relate to children or families as noted.

*** This course is currently a two-credit course, but it will be a three-credit course starting in Spring semester 2010. A one-credit independent study or FCE 497 course must be taken if this course is taken as two credits.

When are early childhood education courses offered? Michigan State University's Department of Family & Child Ecology offers courses which count toward the Early Childhood Education (ZA) Endorsement every semester (including Summer) and often at the Spring Conference of the Michigan Association for the Education of the Young Child. The Schedule of Courses for upcoming semesters may be viewed at <http://schedule.msu.edu/>. The required courses may be taught online, as hybrid, or in an accelerated format. Regardless of format, the above courses count toward the endorsement. Summer placement in courses is competitive and is based on grades in prerequisite classes.

To apply for the Early Childhood Education Endorsement: Complete the attached application form and mail it to the address at the bottom of the form. Enclose a copy of all transcripts (community college, BA/BS, and/or post-BA/BS course work) and a copy of your teaching certificate with the application form. (Copies do not need to be originals.) Your transcripts will be reviewed and your application processed, and you will receive a timely response from the ZA Advisor. You may mail the application and the copies of your transcripts or FAX them to Ms. Jacobs at 517-432-2953.

To apply to Michigan State University as a Lifelong Student: Go to <https://admissions.msu.edu/application/App.asp?AL=L>. There will be a point where the application asks "Are you planning to take classes toward an additional endorsement?" Please do not click on "yes". If you do, your application will be routed to the College of Education, which delays accessing FCE classes.

Incorporating Early Childhood Education Endorsement Courses into the Child Development

Master's Degree Program: Master's degree students may include the 400-level courses required for the endorsement as part of their programs, contingent upon approval of their graduate committees. The Department offers some graduate level courses that may be substituted for 300-level undergraduate courses on the ZA list, however, these courses are not available each year. The 300-level courses are taught every Fall, Spring and Summer.

Enrolling: Teachers may enroll in the ZA courses as Lifelong Education students or as a part of the Child Development Master's Degree Program in the Department of Family & Child Ecology. Students may start the ZA coursework as Lifelong Education students, and upon acceptance into the Master's program, may transfer up to nine 400-level credits into the program.

Once you have completed the required course work, or during your last semester of classes, you will register to take the "Early Childhood Education" Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC). Upon passing this test and successfully finishing all required courses, you will complete the application to the State of Michigan which requests that the endorsement be posted to your teaching certification. This application is found at <http://www.educ.msu.edu/programs/certification/teachercertapp.htm#additional>. Go to this site, scroll down to "Additional Endorsement to a Valid Michigan Teaching Certificate", then choose "click here" to print the application.

Receiving the endorsement: After you have completed all coursework, have passed the MTTC Early Childhood Education test, and have applied to have the endorsement posted to your teaching certificate, you will receive a letter from the State of Michigan which is good for 90 days. The letter will state that you have met the requirements for the Early Childhood Education Endorsement. An official certificate will be mailed to you by the State within those 90 days.

Early Childhood Education Endorsement Application

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Maiden, if applicable)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail address: _____ Preferred Phone Number: _____

MSU PID (if applicable): _____

Best times to reach you and where: _____

BA/BS Degree: _____
(University) (Location) (Year granted)

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Which type of Michigan teaching certification do you hold?

Provisional _____ Continuing _____ Professional _____

Institution at which you earned teacher certification: _____

Please list teaching experience. Specify number of years, grade level, and role (student teacher, intern, head teacher, lead teacher, assistant, substitute, etc.)

Send this completed form to:

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For office use only:

First contact: _____ **Date application received:** _____ **Date response sent:** _____