

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Education Teacher Education Division Master of Education in Early Childhood Education (270/MECH)

The Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education is designed for professionals who currently hold a Michigan Elementary Teaching Certificate and who are teaching in programs for children from birth - eight (8) years of age or those who wish to move to this area. As part of this program, students may have their transcripts evaluated and a plan of work developed to become eligible to receive an Early Childhood Endorsement (ZA) on the Michigan Elementary Teaching Certificate. Students may need teaching experience with primary, pre-primary or infant-toddler age groups.

The coursework for this program is divided into three (3) areas: 1) the specialization; 2) the general professional sequence or core; and 3) the cognate areas. A minimum of 30 semester hours of credit is required for graduation:

	Credit Hours
1) Professional Specialization	
Introductory Master's Seminar	3
Courses, Seminars, Practicums	12-16
Terminal Master's Seminar and Essay Project	3
2) General Professional Education	6
3) Cognate	3-6

Student Responsibilities

Plan of Work

Students must complete a Plan of Work with a graduate advisor during their first term of attendance. The Plan accompanied by an up-to-date transcript, must be submitted to the Academic Services Division (489 Education Building) after at least one course on the Plan of Work has been taken and before 12 hours are completed. Students should ONLY enroll for courses that have been approved by the early childhood graduate advisor.

Time Limitations

You must complete the requirements for the Master of Education within six years, starting with the completion of the first recorded graduate course to be used for your degree.

Master's Degree Seminars

Students are advised to take (TED 7000) after they have completed six (6) - nine (9) hours of coursework. The Terminal Master's Seminar (ED 7999) is the last class in this program.

Transfer Credits

A maximum of six graduate semester credits from another accredited university may be transferred and applied to your program provided the courses are approved by your graduate advisor and the College of Education Academic Services Division. Such courses must be graduate level courses with grades of "B" or better. However, a minimum of 24 semester credits toward the master's degree must be earned in residence at Wayne State University.

Graduation

You must submit an application to graduate. Your application must be submitted to WSU Student Records, 5057 Woodward, room 5150(5th Floor), no later than the first day of classes for the semester in which you will complete your degree requirements.

Major Requirements Early Childhood Education Courses

With assistance from college advisors, students plan their specialization from the following:

ED	5980	Field Studies in Education (practicum at the College of Education Early Childhood Center)	3 cr.
ELE	6010	Family Centered Collaboration in Early Childhood Intervention and Special Education	3-4 cr.
ELE	6020	Seminar in Early Childhood (required if not taken as undergraduate)	3 cr.
ELE	6030	Assessment of Young Children in Educational Settings	3 cr.
ELE	6040	Role of Content Areas in Early Childhood Education	3 cr.
ELE	6060	Community Contacts: Working with Families in Urban Settings	3 cr.
ELE	6080	Pre-Primary Goals and Practices (co-requisite with practicum at the College of Education Early Childhood Center)	2 cr.
ELE	6090	Introduction to Infant Mental Health Theory and Practice	3 cr.
ELE	6100	Planning and Implementing Preschool Curriculum	3 cr.
ELE	6340	Teaching Reading in Early Childhood Education	3 cr.
ELE	7020	Issues in Early Childhood Education	3 cr.
RLL	7720	Survey and Analysis of Current Literature for Children: PS -Grade 3	3 cr.
ELE	7780	Storytelling	3 cr.
SED	6040	Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education	3 cr.
SED	7030	Dynamic Assessment in Early Childhood Special Education	3 cr.
TED	7800	Practicum in Curriculum Development	1-5 cr.

Master's Degree Seminars

The candidate must complete the following courses:

TED	7000	Introductory Master's Seminar (Early Childhood Section) (Should be taken within the first 12 credit hours)	3 cr.
ED	7999	Terminal Master's Seminar (Early Childhood Section)	3 cr.

General Professional Requirements Educational Foundation Courses

General Professional Requirements consist of credits selected from educational foundation courses. The candidate must complete one two-credit course from each of three areas chosen from those listed below.

EER	7610	Evaluation and Measurement (required)	2 cr.
EDA	7600	The Structure of American Education	2 cr.
EDP	5450	Child Psychology	2-3 cr.
EDP	7350	The Learning Process	3 cr.
EDS	7630	Educational Sociology	2 cr.
CED	6700	The Role of the Teacher in Guidance	2 cr.
EHP	7600	Philosophy of Education	2 cr.
SED	7050	Inclusive Teaching	2 cr.

Electives

Electives are those courses recommended outside the major and general professional sequences. Six credits is recommended in this area planned with advisor. The purpose of elective courses is to provide breadth to the student's program.

Electives	0-6 cr.
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