

EARLY CHILDHOOD GENERAL AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

ZA to ZS Option

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PACKET

**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
AND CHILD STUDIES**

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Early Childhood General and Special Education (“ZS”) Endorsement

Option Overview:

This 2-course sequence was created for educators who previously earned the ZA (Early Childhood) endorsement and who would like to upgrade to the newer, more inclusive ZS (Early Childhood General and Special Education) endorsement.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requires candidates to also pass the **Early Childhood Education: General and Special Education** MTTC (Code #106 / ZS) in order to receive the ZS endorsement.

Individuals who earn the ZS credential will:

- meet MDE’s revised standards reflecting the knowledge and skills needed to teach children from birth to age 8 in general education settings, as well as significant knowledge and skills for teaching children with disabilities
- become qualified to teach in:
 - general education early childhood classrooms
 - inclusive early childhood classrooms, and
 - early childhood special education classrooms
- have earned the most up-to-date early childhood endorsement available, as well as the skills and knowledge needed to address the developmental and educational needs of all children, regardless of ability level.

Eligibility

Candidates must have a Michigan teaching certificate with a ZA endorsement. Qualifications will be reviewed by the program coordinator prior to registration.

For Additional Information

- ✓ oakland.edu/hdcs
- ✓ abhargav@oakland.edu or (248) 370-3067

ZA to ZS Option Catalog Course Descriptions

Early Childhood General and Special Education Endorsement

EC 6652

Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education (4 credits)

This course focuses on Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) as a unique discipline similar to, but distinctly different than early childhood education and special education. Teaming, assessment, family-centered practice and child focused practices within multiple contexts of ECSE will be addressed. Activities including field experiences will take place that encourage reflective practice. (This course is offered fall term only.)

EC 6653

Early Childhood Special Education: Programming, Planning and Intervention (4 credits)

This course focuses on linking the foundational components to professional practice in the field of Early Childhood Special Education. Practical applications of teaming, assessment, family centered practice and child focused approaches will be addressed, with particular attention to the themes of diversity, inclusion, and technology. Field experiences are built into the course. (This course is offered winter term only.)

ZA to ZS Endorsement Option

Because upgrading from a ZA to a ZS endorsement requires the completion of only two courses (and not a complete “degree program”), individuals interested will apply for “Professional Development” student status.

- Students admitted to *Professional Development* classification are not eligible to receive financial assistance.
- Admission as a *Professional Development* student in no way assures subsequent admission to a degree or graduate certificate program.

STEPS FOR APPLYING are provided on the following page.



School of Education and Human Services

ZA-ZS OPTION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION INFORMATION

How to Apply

To apply to the ZA-ZS option, please complete the steps below by: **ASAP**.

☐ **Complete the Online Graduate Professional Development Application**

- Access the application online at oakland.edu/apply.
- New applicants will need to create an admissions account
- Start a new application by selecting the application type “Grad – Professional Development” and your desired admission term
- Follow the prompts to complete the application. On the Planned Course of Study page, please select “Professional Development – Education” and list the course(s) you wish to register for (EC 6652 and EC 6653)

☐ **Submit proof of Undergraduate/Graduate Degree**

Proof of degree can include any of the following (only one is needed):

- a copy of official or unofficial transcripts
- a copy of your diploma

(if you are an Oakland University alum, you do not need to send proof of degree)

☐ **Submit proof of ZA Endorsement**

- a copy of your teaching certificate indicating you have a ZA endorsement

Submit proof of degree and endorsement by scanning/emailing it to gradinfo@oakland.edu.
Please make sure your full name (that matches your application) is included.

Syllabus

The instructor will provide the syllabus and course schedule online (via Moodle) or at the first class meeting. If you have questions regarding the course prior to the class starting, please contact the instructor directly.

Tuition and Billing

The current 2017-18 graduate in-state tuition is **\$706.25** per credit. Student Financial Services will send all official billing notifications to your Oakland University email account. If you have any questions regarding billing, please contact SFS at (248) 370-2550.

Registration Information

Once you are admitted as a Professional Development student, you will receive a Welcome and Registration packet via email from Susan Martino. This packet will walk you through the steps to register for your courses. Seats are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Applying for Professional Development status does *not* reserve your seat. Please review the [Important Dates](#) and visit the [Office of the Registrar](#) for more information.

Transcript

Course grades and transcripts can be accessed through SAIL: sail.oakland.edu.

Questions?

Contact Susan Martino at (248) 370-4415 or by email: martino@oakland.edu.

**New tuition rates are set by the OU Board of Trustees in mid-to-late summer. The board reserves the right to change any and all tuition rates when circumstances make such a change necessary. Tuition is assessed on the student's bill based on the student's class standing, residency and the number of credits enrolled.*