

# **M.ED. in EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

## **ZS ENDORSEMENT**

**Information and application packet**

**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  
AND CHILD STUDIES**  
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# Master of Education: Early Childhood Education

## ZS Endorsement (Early Childhood General & Special Education)

### Program Overview

This broad, interdisciplinary graduate program prepares professionals to work with children from birth through age eight in public and private schools and agency settings. Combining theory with observation and participation in clinical, school and community practicum settings, it provides training for the direction and evaluation of early childhood programs as well as the coordination of community resources for young children and their families. Multicultural issues and the need for educational programs that respect and respond to developmental variability and exceptionalities are emphasized.

The Early Childhood ZS (General and Special Education) teaching endorsement program meets state requirements for approval to teach in general education early childhood classrooms, inclusive early childhood classrooms, and in early childhood special education classrooms. A passing score on the related MTTC test (Code 106) is also required to earn the endorsement.

### Program Options / Credits:

- ✓ Early Childhood “ZS” endorsement (without degree) - 26 credits
- ✓ Early Childhood “ZS” endorsement with M.Ed. degree - 38 credits
- ✓ Early Childhood M.Ed. degree (without endorsement) - 36 credits

### Admission Criteria:

- ✓ Completion of undergraduate or graduate degree, with at least 24 credits in education, humanities, social sciences, health or a related field
- ✓ Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- ✓ If seeking the Early Childhood (ZS) endorsement, candidate must hold or be eligible for a valid Michigan elementary teaching certificate
- ✓ Demonstrate potential for success in the program

### Benefits:

- ✓ Courses are offered in a variety of formats
- ✓ Flexible program offers three different program options
- ✓ Fall and winter courses held during evening hours
- ✓ Some summer courses may be offered during the day

### For Additional Information

- ✓ [oakland.edu/hdcs/med-early-childhood](http://oakland.edu/hdcs/med-early-childhood)
- ✓ Dr. Ambika Bhargava, Program Coordinator: [abhargav@oakland.edu](mailto:abhargav@oakland.edu), or 248.370.3067



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## ***M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education with ZS Endorsement*** ***Program Plan***

**Level I:** *(These courses apply to the endorsement and to the M.Ed.)*

EC 540	4	Theories of Child Development & Education (Must be taken first in sequence)
EC 542	4	Applied Developmental Principles
EC 543	4	Teacher as Child Advocate & Adult Educator
EC 544	4	Adult-Child Interactions: Play and the Mediation of Learning
EC 645	4	Observation & Assessment of the Young Child
EC 509	4	Family, Child & Learning in the Cultural Context
EC 546	2	Early Childhood Practicum*

**Level II:** *(These courses are needed to complete the M.Ed.)*

EC 550	4	Early Childhood Electives (or equivalent)
EC 593	4	Research Project in ECE: Phase I
EC 650	4	Research Project in ECE: Phase II

**Total Credits = 38**

*\* The Michigan Department of Education requires a 300-hour supervised practicum in order to be eligible to add the Early Childhood endorsement to an existing elementary teaching certificate. Students must also successfully complete the related MTTC test and apply for the endorsement.*

**ZS Endorsement only (without degree)**  
***Program Plan***

**Level I:** (These courses apply to the endorsement *and also to the M.Ed.*)

EC 540	4	Theories of Child Development & Education (Must be taken first in sequence)
EC 542	4	Applied Developmental Principles
EC 543	4	Teacher as Child Advocate & Adult Educator
EC 544	4	Adult-Child Interactions: Play and the Mediation of Learning
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***Program Plan***

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# SEHS / HDCS GRADUATE EDUCATION HOW TO APPLY

## M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education / ZS Endorsement

Go to [www.oakland.edu/grad/apply](http://www.oakland.edu/grad/apply), and follow the instructions in the center of the page for the graduate school **ONLINE APPLICATION** for Oakland University.

In addition to the online application for graduate school, you will also need to submit paper documents in order to apply to the program.

Required forms/documents for the M.Ed. in EC and/or ZS Endorsement include:

- Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts
- SEHS Supplemental Application with Felony/Misdemeanor form (included)
- Goal Statement (guidelines for writing this document are included)
- Two Recommendation Forms (included)
- A copy of elementary teaching certificate is also required for those seeking the ZS endorsement

Official transcripts must be sent directly from universities previously attended, to:

Oakland University  
Office of Graduate Admissions  
520 O'Dowd Hall  
Rochester, MI 48309-4401

Everything else can be scanned and emailed to [gradadm@oakland.edu](mailto:gradadm@oakland.edu).

### Application Deadlines:

- July 15, for Fall admission
- Nov. 15 for Winter admission
- March 15 for Summer II admission

*If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at [gradadm@oakland.edu](mailto:gradadm@oakland.edu), or 248.370.2700.*



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**Graduate Study Supplemental Application**  
**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION**

**Oakland University**  
Graduate Admissions  
520 O'Dowd Hall  
Rochester, Michigan 48309-4475

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Program to which you are applying \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification**

Valid Teaching Certificate(s) Held:

- ☐ Elementary Certificate ☐ Secondary Certificate  
☐ K-12 in \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Certificate Held:

- ☐ Permanent ☐ Continuing ☐ Professional ☐ Provisional

Endorsements Held:

- ☐ Early Childhood  
☐ Special Education (specify category) \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Teaching Certification Sought (please check all that apply):

- ☐ Professional ☐ Renewal ☐ Add Endorsement(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Teaching Experience** (excluding substitute teaching)

Years	District	Grades
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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## Applicants for Post-Master Certificate in Educational Administration Only

### Administrative Experience:

Years	District	Title	Level

A master's degree or higher is required in order to receive the certificate. If you do not hold that level of degree, indicate if you presently are admitted to any of the following at Oakland University.

☐ M.Ed. in \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Degree anticipated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

### Felony/Misdemeanor Disclosure

This information is needed to comply with regulations established by the Michigan Department of Education; initial the appropriate blank. Attach a written explanation for any "yes" response.

- Have you ever been convicted of any felony? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever been convicted of any misdemeanor including any alcohol related traffic violations? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever been convicted in Michigan or any other state or jurisdiction, whether upon a verdict or plea of guilty or upon a plea of nolo contendere (no contest), or received a suspended sentence for a crime or an attempt to commit a crime which is considered criminal sexual conduct? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- Did you ever receive a discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States, which was other than "Honorable"? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever been denied admission to, or been removed from, a teacher education program at another college or university? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- Have disciplinary proceedings ever been initiated against your Michigan teaching credential or your teaching credential issued by any other jurisdiction? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever had adverse action taken against any educator certificate/license in Michigan or any other jurisdiction that resulted in conditions being placed on the certificate by the department of education in order to maintain certificate validity? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever had a teaching credential issued in Michigan or any other jurisdiction suspended, revoked, nullified, or otherwise invalidated? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

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Please attach a written explanation for all “yes” responses. If you have answered “yes” to any of the above, you need to know that passing our program, student teaching and state certification tests does not guarantee certification or employment. Convictions are assessed and evaluated at the state level, including a review of the court documents. You will not be issued a 90 day dated letter by Oakland University and will need to wait for the state review and decision regarding certification.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Submission Instructions***

Complete the form in Adobe Acrobat • Click “File” • Click “Print” • In the “Printer” drop down box select “Adobe PDF” • Click the “Print” button • Choose the location to save the file on your computer • Click “Save” • E-mail form to [gradadm@oakland.edu](mailto:gradadm@oakland.edu)

**Don't forget to also complete your online [admissions application](#) if you haven't done so already.**

***Incomplete forms will delay the admissions process.***

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## GOAL STATEMENT TIPS

Please create a statement **not to exceed** two typed, double-spaced pages (500 words) in which you:

- 1) indicate the factors that influenced you to apply for this credential,
- 2) project your career goals and the contributions that you hope to make in the field of early childhood education upon completing this credential, and
- 3) describe your experiences and accomplishments in working with children and their families.



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520 O'Dowd Hall  
Rochester, MI 48309-4401  
(248) 370-2700 (phone)  
(248) 370-3226 (fax)

Please type or print legibly.

## Recommendation for Graduate Admission

***This completed form must be submitted to Graduate Admissions in a sealed envelope with the signature of the recommender affixed across the back sealed flap.***

**NOTE:** Consult the section of the catalog that pertains to your field of study for instructions concerning the recommendation: e.g. any special type of information required, number of recommendations needed, who recommenders should be.

### This section to be completed by Applicant:

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, this applicant (if admitted and enrolled) will have access to the information provided below unless he/she has waived such access. Please sign if you waive your right of access to the information record below.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### This section to be completed by Recommender:

Name of Recommender (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please rate the applicant in comparison to others whom you have known at similar stages in their careers:

	Exceptional Upper 5%	Excellent Next 10%	Very Good Next 15%	Good Next 20%	Next 50%	No Basis for Judgment
Scholarly potential in indicated field of study						
Creativity & originality in indicated field of study						
Motivation and perseverance toward goals						
Judgment & maturity						
Ability to work with others						
Ability to work independently						
Ability to express thoughts in speech & writing						

3. Please circle the strength of your overall endorsement:

Highly Recommended

Recommended

Recommended with Reservations

Not Recommended

4. **OPTIONAL:** You may comment specifically in a separate letter or on the back of this form on the applicant's strengths and limitations for graduate study. Descriptions of significant actions, accomplishments, and personal qualities related to scholarly achievement can be particularly helpful as is an assessment of the applicant's ability/potential for college teaching.

5. Recommender's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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