

**M.Ed. in
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**
(ZS Endorsement)

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PACKET

**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
AND CHILD STUDIES**
Pawley Hall
456 Pioneer Drive
Rochester, MI 48309

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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
- ✓ Dr. Ambika Bhargava, Program Coordinator: abhargav@oakland.edu, or 248.370.3067



School of Education and Human Services

ZS Endorsement Only Program Plan

Level I:

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| EC 6600 | 4 | Theories of Child Development & Education |
| EC 6601 | 4 | Family, Child & Learning in the Cultural Context (Prerequisite: EC 6600) |
| EC 6602 | 4 | Applied Developmental Principles (Prerequisite: EC 6600) |
| EC 6603 | 4 | Adult-Child Interactions: Play and the Mediation of Learning (Prerequisite: EC 6600) |
| EC 6604 | 4 | Observation & Assessment of the Young Child (Prerequisites: EC 6600, EC 6602, EC 6603) |
| EC 6605 | 4 | Teacher as Child Advocate & Adult Educator (Prerequisites: EC 6600, EC 6602, EC 6603, EC 6604) |
| EC 6960* | 2 | Early Childhood Practicum (Prerequisites: EC 6600, EC 6602 and/or EC 6603) |

Total Credits = 26

* The Michigan Department of Education requires a supervised 300-hour 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.



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M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education without ZS Endorsement Program Plan

Level I:

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| EC 6600 | 4 | Theories of Child Development & Education |
| EC 6601 | 4 | Family, Child & Learning in the Cultural Context (Prerequisite: EC 6600) |
| EC 6602 | 4 | Applied Developmental Principles (Prerequisite: EC 6600) |
| EC 6603 | 4 | Adult-Child Interactions: Play and the Mediation of Learning (Prerequisite: EC 6600) |
| EC 6604 | 4 | Observation & Assessment of the Young Child (Prerequisites: EC 6600, EC 6602, EC 6603) |
| EC 6605 | 4 | Teacher as Child Advocate & Adult Educator (Prerequisites: EC 6600, EC 6602, EC 6603, EC 6604) |

Level II: *(All courses in Level I must be completed prior to starting Level II.)*

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| EC 6900 | 4 | Early Childhood Electives (or equivalent) |
| EC 6995 | 4 | Research Project in ECE: Phase I |
| EC 6996 | 4 | Research Project in ECE: Phase II |

Total Credits = 36



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M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education / ZS Endorsement Program Plan

Level I: *(These courses are required for the ZS endorsement and the M.Ed.)*

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| EC 6601 | 4 | Family, Child & Learning in the Cultural Context (Prerequisite: EC 6600) |
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Level II: *(These courses are required to complete the M.Ed. All courses in Level I must be completed prior to starting Level II.)*

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|---------|---|---|
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| EC 6996 | 4 | Research Project in ECE: Phase II |

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Application Checklist

- **M.Ed. in EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**
- **ZS ENDORSEMENT**

Please use this as a guide to walk you through the online graduate application process:

☐ **Create an account at oakland.edu/applynow**, then complete the **online application - graduate**.

- Entry Test Scores - No entrance tests are required
- Statement of Purpose - Fill out or copy/paste your statement in this field
- Submit Application - Once everything is complete, submit the online application

☐ **Return to the “My Account” screen** on the application to **submit your supplemental items**:

- Copy of Michigan Teacher Certification (if you have one; required for ZS endorsement)
- Curriculum Vita or Resume
- Supplemental Program Application (included with packet)
- Unofficial bachelor's degree transcripts – this will help your application get processed while waiting for your official transcripts to arrive
- Two Recommendation Requests – You will need provide email addresses of two individuals who have agreed to recommend you. The forms will be sent to them electronically (by us).

☐ **Request official transcripts** from all post-secondary educational institutions from which you earned a degree or enrolled in graduate-level coursework. Official college transcripts must be sent electronically or in a sealed envelope directly from the issuing college or university, to:

Graduate Admissions - Oakland University
O'Dowd Hall, Room 520
586 Pioneer Drive
Rochester, MI 48309-4482

☐ **Check your application status:** oakland.edu/applynow

Questions about the online application?

(248) 370-2700 *office* | (248) 370-3226 *fax* | gradinfo@oakland.edu

M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education, and/or ZS Endorsement

STATEMENT of PURPOSE

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.



School of Education and Human Services

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 |
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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

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

Incomplete forms will delay the admissions process.



Graduate Admissions
520 O'Dowd Hall Rochester, MI
48309-4401
Phone (248) 370-2700
Fax (248) 370-3226

RECOMMENDATION FOR GRADUATE ADMISSION

All Students must fill out the Applicant required section. Forward the Recommendation Form to your Recommenders to complete. They must submit the form directly to Graduate Admissions. Recommenders please e-mail the Recommendation Form **FROM A PROFESSIONAL EMAIL address to gradadm@oakland.edu or mail to the address provided above.**

FOR THE APPLICANT:

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. **Please forward this form to your recommender after filling out your section. We must receive the Recommendation Form directly from your Recommender.**

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Name of Applicant _____

Email Address _____ Program 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.

Do you waive your right of access to the information record below? (Check One)

- ☐ Yes, I waive my right to access this letter of recommendation
- ☐ No, I do not waive my right to access this letter of recommendation

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDER

Name of Recommender _____ 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 select one of the below options that represents the strength of your overall endorsement:

Highly Recommended

Recommended

Recommended with Reservations

Not Recommended

4. **OPTIONAL:** Please feel free to provide specific comments about the applicant's strengths and limitations for Graduate Education in the area below. Descriptions of significant actions, accomplishments, and personal qualities related to scholarly achievement can be particularly helpful as an assessment of the applicant's ability/potential for college teaching.

5. Recommender's Signature _____ Date _____

COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)



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