

**Early Childhood-General and Special Education (ZS) Endorsement
Michigan State University, Department of Human Development & Family Studies**

Teachers holding Michigan teacher certification in K-5, K-8, or Special Education K-12, are eligible to add the ZS Endorsement to their certificate to signify that they have completed the State of Michigan requirements for teaching children birth through five years. The code is posted to the teaching certificate upon completion of required coursework and passing of the Early Childhood-General and Special Education Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC).

State of Michigan law requires 300 child contact hours at the completion of the Early Childhood-General and Special Education Endorsement. The HDFS courses provide 150 contact hours. Students are expected to enter into the ZS 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 ZS program must meet the State of Michigan contact hour requirement through internships or other experiences.

Early Childhood Education Endorsement Course Requirements: Total 26 credits **(effective October 2012)**

HDFS 211: Child Growth and Development	HDFS 322: Infant Development and Program Planning
HDFS 320: Interaction with Children in Groups	HDFS 421: Assessment of the Young Child
HDFS 320L: Interaction with Children - Laboratory	HDFS 424: Student Teaching
HDFS 321: Curriculum for Children	CEP 240: Diverse Learners in Multicultural Perspective
HDFS 321L: Curriculum for Children - Laboratory	

When are courses offered? Fall, Spring and (some) Summer semesters. The Schedule of Courses may be viewed at <http://schedule.msu.edu/>.

Applying: Complete the application form below. Enclose a copy of all transcripts and copy of teaching certificate (does not need not be originals.)

Enrolling: Teachers may enroll as a second degree, graduate student or as Lifelong Education students. To apply go to: admissions.msu.edu.

Incorporating the ZS into a Child Development Master's Degree: MA students can include up to six credits of 400-level classes as part of a degree program (contingent upon approval of their graduate committees and University policies).

Completing: during your last semester, register to take the "Early Childhood-General and Special Education" MTTC. Upon passing this test and successfully completing required courses, fill out the application to the State of Michigan at <http://education.msu.edu/certification/postbag/>.

Receiving the endorsement: After you have passed all coursework and MTTC, 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 General and Special Education Endorsement. An official certificate will be mailed to you by the State of Michigan.

Name: _____ E-mail address: _____
(Last) (First) (Other names)

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

MSU PID (if applicable): _____ Preferred phone number(s): _____

BA/BS Degree: _____

(School, Location, Year, Major and Minor)
Type of Michigan teaching certification? Provisional ____ Continuing ____ Professional ____ Institution: _____

Please list all teaching experience. (specify number of years, grade level, and role) _____

Questions or send this completed form to:

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