

Teacher Certification



School of Education

Elementary and Secondary and Non-Certification Programs

Undergraduate Degree Programs

Michigan Tests for Teacher Certification (MTTC) are required both for admission to the program and for a Teacher Certificate recommendation.

Degrees offered:

B.A.	Bachelor of Arts
B.S.	Bachelor of Science

Certification:

Michigan Provisional Teaching Certificate (elementary or secondary)

Special Education:
Learning Disabilities SM endorsement

Admission to the School of Education

There are two steps to earning a degree and teacher certification at UM–Dearborn. The first step is general admission to the School of Education (for elementary certification) or to the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters (for secondary certification).

Freshmen

Admission requires a recalculated high school GPA of at least 3.0 and an ACT composite score of at least 22.

Transfers

Admission requires a recalculated GPA of at least 2.75. If you do not meet these criteria, contact the Office of Admissions and Orientation, 313-593-5100.

Admission to Teacher Certification

Admission to the teacher certification phase of the degree program is separate from admission to the School of Education degree program. Teacher certification admission requirements are:

- minimum of 55 semester hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher
- passing scores on the state mandated Basic Skills Test (MTTC)
- a cumulative GPA of 2.75 must be maintained as well as in the chosen major and in the chosen minor. In addition, a GPA of 2.75 must be maintained in the professional education courses.
- scores from the UM–Dearborn composition placement exam on file. This test must be taken within the first semester that a student is enrolled in classes.
- transfer students only: completion of at least one full term (12 semester hours) of study at UM–Dearborn
- completed Teacher Certification Phase III Program Form on file

Elementary Education

The elementary education program is designed for those intending to teach in either the elementary or the middle school. In this program, students must meet the requirements for either the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degree and the Michigan Elementary Provisional Certificate.

Students in this program are required to select one teaching major and one teaching minor from those listed below. Selecting Early Childhood as a major requires choosing two minors.

	Major	Minor
Early Childhood	36 hrs	(requires two minors)
Integrated Science	36 hrs	24 hrs
Language Arts	36 hrs	24 hrs
Learning Disabilities	30 hrs	(major only, requires additional major)
Mathematics	30 hrs	20 hrs
Social Studies	36 hrs	24 hrs
English as a		21 hrs
Second Language**		

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Elementary Education/Early Childhood

The early childhood education program is designed for those intending to work with very young children. The program enables education students to meet state requirements for a Michigan Elementary Provisional Certificate as well as to acquire a specialization in the early childhood area.

Students in this program claim Early Childhood as their major and are required to select two minors from the list in the Elementary Education section.

A cumulative GPA of 2.75 must be maintained, as well as in the chosen major, and in the chosen minors. In addition, a cumulative GPA of 2.75 must be maintained in the professional education courses.

Secondary Education

The secondary education program is designed for those intending to teach in grades 6-12. Students complete their professional studies in the School of Education while fulfilling their degree requirements in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters (CASL). Thus, they consult with two advisors, one in CASL and another in the School of Education.

Students in this program are required to select one teaching major and one teaching minor from those listed below:

	Major	Minor
Biology	32 hrs	20 hrs
Chemistry	32 hrs	20 hrs
Computer Science**		20 hrs
Earth Science	32 hrs	24 hrs
Economics	30 hrs	20 hrs
English	30 hrs	20 hrs
English as a Second Language**		21 hrs
French	30 hrs	20 hrs
Integrated Science*	36 hrs	
German**		20 hrs
History	30 hrs	20 hrs
Learning Disabilities	30 hrs	(major only, requires additional major)
Mathematics	30 hrs	20 hrs
Physics	32 hrs	20 hrs
Political Science	30 hrs	20 hrs
Psychology**		21 hrs
Social Studies*	36 hrs	
Sociology**		21 hrs
Spanish	30 hrs	20 hrs
Speech		21 hrs

A cumulative GPA of 2.75 must be maintained, as well as in the chosen major, and in the chosen minor. In addition, a GPA of 2.75 must be maintained in the professional education courses.

* major only

** minor only

Special Education — Learning Disabilities (SM) K-12 endorsement

The secondary education program allows undergraduate students the opportunity to earn a special education learning disabilities endorsement independently of other special education endorsements.

The Special Education Program enhances educational career options by:

- extending job opportunities from general education to learning disabilities resource, consulting and tutoring positions.
- addressing the competencies needed for graduates to teach and serve students with disabilities in a variety of inclusive settings.
- providing the background for graduates to seek special education administrative endorsements.
- preparing graduates to work in collaboration with various educators and parents.

Children and Families

Bachelor of General Studies (BGS)

Non-Certification Program

The Children and Families degree is a four-year degree designed for students who wish to pursue careers in child-care, child-care administration, or other related work with children and families. The BGS degree requires three areas of focus. A cumulative GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) as well as a 2.5 in each area of focus.

Post-Degree Programs

Certification Only (for degreed persons)

The School of Education at UM-Dearborn can assist qualified persons who hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution to pursue a program of study leading to a recommendation for a Michigan Provisional Teaching Certificate-Elementary (COE) or Secondary (COS).

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Admission to these programs (COE and COS) requires a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale. In addition, a GPA of 2.75 is required in the chosen teaching major and teaching minor (see listings under Elementary Education and under Secondary Education). Once admitted, the 2.75 must be maintained in all areas. You may obtain an application for admission by calling 313-593-5090.

For More Information

For more information about programs in the School of Education:

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To request an application or obtain more information about admission to the University:

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