

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

March 13, 2023

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Mark Largent, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and  
Dean of Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Joy Speas, University Curriculum Administrator

RE: Request to Phase Out and Discontinue the Early Childhood – General  
and Special Education Disciplinary Teaching Minor Available for  
Elementary Teacher Certification

For Transmittal to the University Committee on Undergraduate  
Education (UCUE)

The request referenced above is being sent to you for action by the University  
Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE).

### UCUE Response Requested:

Please ask the University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE) to consider  
the request referenced above. Please mail the related materials referenced under the  
heading Attachments at the end of this memorandum to the committee members.

After receiving UCUE's consultative response, the Provost will make a determination to  
discontinue/not discontinue this program. Then, the program's curriculum and degree  
requirements referenced above will be included on the agenda for the September, 2023  
meeting of Subcommittee A, University Committee on Curriculum (UCC). Requests that  
are approved by Subcommittee A in September will be before the Full Committee, UCC,  
for action in September, 2023. Requests that are approved by the Full Committee in  
September will be included in the October, 2023, Report of the UCC to the Faculty  
Senate.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 5-8420.

Thank you.

### Attachments:

1. Request for Discontinuation form dated February 13, 2023; Child  
Development-General and Special Education, MNEL and attachments.

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## COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

1. Request to delete the curriculum and degree requirements for the **Disciplinary Teaching Minor in Early Childhood-General and Special Education** in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, available for elementary certification. The University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE) will provide consultative commentary to the Provost after considering this request. The Provost will make a determination after considering the consultative commentary from the University Committee on Graduate Studies.

No new students are to be admitted to the program effective Spring 2023. No students are to be readmitted to the program effective Spring 2023. Effective Spring 2024, coding for the program will be discontinued and the program will no longer be available in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies. Students who have not met the requirements for the Disciplinary Teaching Minor in Early Childhood-General and Special Education through the Department of Human Development and Family Studies prior to Spring 2024 will have to change their minor.



### View a Program

Joy Speas, Office of the Registrar

Wednesday, 2/22/2023

Program Name: Early Childhood-General and Special Education  
Degree: MNEL      Sequence Number: 4

Program Request ID: 4943

Effective Dates: Spring 2024

Status: Interim

Initial Action: Deleted

Requested Date: 1/27/2023 2:41:10 PM

**1. Department/School/College:**

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**2. Name of Program:**

Early Childhood-General and Special Education

**3. Name of Degree:**

MNEL

**4. Type of Program:**

TE Minor

**5. Effective Start Semester:**

Spring 2024

**Effective End date:**

Spring Semester 2024

**Will the proposed change(s) have a negative impact on students? If so, which ones?:**

No

**Describe impact and explain what accommodations will be made:**

The closure of the Early Childhood-General and Special Education MNEL (ZS program) will not negatively impact students. The 6 currently enrolled students will complete their ZS endorsements as planned. No accommodations are needed because currently enrolled ZS students will be able to complete their originally planned programs. No new students will be enrolled. Current ZS students will receive a letter informing them of the closure dates and last date to complete the existing endorsement (Summer 2029, per state recommendations to allow 5 years for anticipated program completion). Information about the new state standards and the corresponding MSU major will be

available through advising offices in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies and the College of Education and will be available on the corresponding websites.

**Reason(s) for change(s):**

The State of Michigan has approved a new birth to kindergarten teaching grade band certification, and MSU has revised its undergraduate child development teaching major (birth to kindergarten plus special education) to meet the new state standards. The new major has already been approved by MSU and by the state of Michigan. The ZS is no longer needed with the new major focusing specifically on early childhood development and education. Other universities around the state have similarly revised their teaching majors, and, collectively, the need for post-BA early childhood endorsement will be drastically reduced.

**DEPARTMENT LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS**

Approved: Department of Human Development and Family Studies  
2/13/2023 4:33:28 PM by Jinny Han for Adrian Blow, Chairperson

**COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS**

Approved: College of Social Science  
2/13/2023 4:39:49 PM by M. Brent Donnellan for Brent Donnellan, Associate Dean

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## TEACHER CERTIFICATION OPTIONS

The child development: birth to kindergarten and special education disciplinary major leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree is available for teacher certification.

~~A early childhood general and special education disciplinary minor is available for students pursuing elementary teacher certification.~~

Students who elect the ~~child development disciplinary major or the early childhood general and special education disciplinary minor~~ **child development: birth to kindergarten and special education** must contact the Department of Human Development and Family Studies.

For additional information, refer to the statement on *TEACHER CERTIFICATION* in the *Department of Teacher Education* section of this catalog.

**Disciplinary Teaching Minors Available for  
 Elementary Teacher Certification**

Students electing to complete a disciplinary teaching minor(s) in addition to their required major should make their choices from the list below.

MINOR	COLLEGE
Arabic	Arts and Letters
Chinese	Arts and Letters
<del>Early Childhood-General and Special Education</del>	<del>Social Science</del>
French	Arts and Letters
German	Arts and Letters
Japanese	Arts and Letters
Mathematics-Elementary	Natural Science
Russian	Arts and Letters
Spanish-Elementary	Arts and Letters
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	Arts and Letters

**~~EARLY CHILDHOOD-GENERAL AND SPECIAL EDUCATION~~**

<del>CEP 240—Diverse Learners in Multicultural Perspective</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>HDFS 211—Child Growth and Development</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>HDFS 320—Interaction with Children in Groups</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>HDFS 320L—Interaction with Children Laboratory</del>	<del>4</del>
<del>HDFS 321—Curriculum for Children (W)</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>HDFS 321L—Curriculum for Children Laboratory</del>	<del>4</del>
<del>HDFS 322—Infant Development and Program Planning</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>HDFS 322L—Interaction and Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers—Laboratory</del>	<del>4</del>
<del>HDFS 421—Assessment of the Young Child</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>HDFS 424—Student Teaching in an Early Childhood Program</del>	<del>6</del>