

## **DI Secondary Endorsement Program**

- Students who declare the certificate/endorsement option must be enrolled in a science majors-Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Earth Science and pursuing a secondary teaching certificate. We will also develop planned programs for in-service certified secondary teachers to complete courses for the endorsement. These in-service teachers must be admitted as part-time students and must have already completed at least one certifiable science major at a four-year institution.
- Students, whether full or part-time, will be required to maintain a 2.8 GPA. This standard is determined by the College of Education's admission requirements for all teaching majors.
- Time to complete the program will vary from student to student and on their other major requirements. We anticipate that a typical undergraduate could complete the endorsement a maximum of two regular semesters. Part-time students' completion times will vary.
- All candidates whether GVSU undergraduates or in-service teachers must complete a minimum of 12 of the total 71 credits at GVSU. Although more credits are desirable, it would impede in-service teachers who are constrained by the times some of our courses are offered. These candidates may also experience difficulty commuting long distances to GVSU except in the summer and may need to take courses at institutions closer to home. At this time, only two schools, GVSU and UW-Dearborn, have received approval to offer this endorsement. An ISCI advisor will review candidates transcripts to determine the courses which must be completed at GVSU for the endorsement.
- Students must complete a minimum 20 unduplicated credits beyond the major and minor. The MDE requires a minimum of 18 credits for an endorsement.
- Since we are not developing new courses for the certificate, all current transfers will be accepted. Individual departments will evaluate transcripts to determine if courses that do not automatically transfer are acceptable. The Biology, Chemistry, Geology and Physics departments will determine which transfer courses meet the program's requirements as approved by the Michigan Department of Education.