

## Instruction & Curriculum Program Podcast

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Hello, my name is Maggie and I am a staff member in The Graduate School at Grand Valley State University. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Grand Valley's Master of Education in Instruction and Curriculum Early Childhood Education emphasis. Today we're going to cover the admissions process, program requirements, and the qualities that distinguish this program.

Let's start by explaining to you what this program entails. The Master of Education in Instruction and Curriculum opens up a number of career opportunities for professional renewal and development of educators. The Early Childhood Education emphasis prepares graduates to work in early childhood Pre-K settings from birth through age 8 or 3rd grade. This is a 33-credit hour program and can be completed in 2 years as a full-time student or up to 8 years as a part-time student.

The Early Childhood Education emphasis requires that students complete a 3-credit hour social foundation course, a 3-credit hour research foundation course, 21 credit hours of emphasis related courses, a 3-credit hour capstone, and a 3-credit hour practicum field experience. For a complete listing of all courses, please visit [www.gvsu.edu/grad/instruction](http://www.gvsu.edu/grad/instruction).

Grand Valley admission requirements include completion of the online application as well as a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. Your application must include official transcripts, and if English is not your native language you must provide scores from one of our approved standardized tests such as the TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or the PTE Academic. There is a \$30 nonrefundable application fee, however this fee is waived if you attended GVSU previously or are currently attending GVSU.

In addition, this program requires that candidates submit three professional or academic recommendations and have a grade point average of 3.0 or better for the last 60 credits of undergraduate coursework. A prior master's degree from a regionally accredited institution will be accepted in lieu of the minimum grade point average. More program details as well as the online application can be found on the Instruction and Curriculum website, [www.gvsu.edu/grad/instruction](http://www.gvsu.edu/grad/instruction).

The great news about Grand Valley's graduate programs is that tuition rates for Michigan resident and non-resident students are the same. In other words, there are no extra costs for being an out of state student. Current tuition costs and information about scholarships and financial aid can be found at [www.gvsu.edu/financialaid](http://www.gvsu.edu/financialaid) or by calling 616-331-3234. For information on graduate assistantships, please contact The Graduate School at [gradschool@gvsu.edu](mailto:gradschool@gvsu.edu).

The Master of Education in Instruction and Curriculum program, in Early Childhood, is distinguished for a number of reasons. GVSU's College of Education is accredited by and adheres to the standards set forth by the Council for the Accreditation of Educators. Faculty in this program are leaders in their fields, melding together the philosophy of education and your needs as a practitioner. Classes are offered in the fall, winter, and in the summer semester, all online, making it easier for teachers and administrators to plan their schedules. Additionally, students are only one class away from earning the ZS endorsement, an early childhood special education endorsement from the state of Michigan that allows them to work in ECSE classrooms.

That is just a snapshot of the Master of Education in Instruction and Curriculum Early Childhood Education emphasis graduate program at Grand Valley State University. We hope that you will consider applying to a graduate program at GVSU. Any questions can be directed to the Graduate Program Director, Dr. Kathryn Ohle at [ohlek@gvsu.edu](mailto:ohlek@gvsu.edu), or to The Graduate School at [gradschool@gvsu.edu](mailto:gradschool@gvsu.edu). Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.