Reasons to Choose Our Program...

- Includes course work relevant to classroom practice, and provides opportunities to network with teachers from other school districts.

- Prepares reflective practitioners for a variety of educational settings. Programs can be self-designed to meet specific professional needs and interests.

- A variety of concentration options lead to subject and age level endorsements:
  - Early Childhood Education (ZS Endorsement)
  - K-12 Curriculum and Instruction
  - Teacher Leader

- Capstone projects allow teachers to implement classroom or school improvement activities.

- International applicants are encouraged to consider this program as an opportunity to develop their expertise and knowledge of school and classroom curriculum, pedagogy, and leadership in both the U.S. and global settings.
Practice of Teaching (M.A.)

Teaching, Research, and Program Focus Areas
Teachers are required to be effective practitioners, leaders, change agents, researchers and learners. Through this program, students examine, interpret, and evaluate the teaching and learning process using the best research-based practices.

No matter what emphasis is chosen, the Masters of Arts in the Practice of Teaching provides a strong foundation for the continuing growth of professional teaching practice. The program is predicated on the assumption that theory, research, policy and practice must be continuously integrated in ways that provide innovative models leading to the improvement of teaching, learning and reflective practice.

Admissions
Admission requirements include:
• A bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution
• An overall grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4-point scale) in the last two years of undergraduate work. Applicants with a GPA of less than 3.0 may be granted conditional admission. This will be converted to regular admission if students receive a B or better in the first two graduate courses (6 credits) taken.
• Experience working in a professional setting.
• A valid Michigan Teaching Certificate will be required for students seeking to obtain additional endorsements. All application details are found on the department website: wmich.edu/teaching/practice-of-teaching/admission

Graduate Assistantships/Associateships
The department offers 2 full-time graduate assistantships per year.

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Kalamazoo
With a population of more than 325,000, Kalamazoo is the sixth largest metropolitan area in Michigan and among the 150 largest in the country. Kalamazoo is rated one of the 25 best cities in the country for young college graduates, and is located midway between Chicago and Detroit.