Early Childhood Pre-K Internship Application

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**Timeline for Early Childhood Internship**

PLEASE NOTE THAT APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERNSHIP ARE NOT THE SAME AS THOSE FOR THE GEN ED INTERNSHIP

| Application Deadlines           | Last **Friday** of October for Spring  
|                                | Last **Friday** of March for Summer  
|                                | Last **Friday** of April for Fall  

| Application processing completed & placements assigned | 3-4 weeks after deadline |
| Interns Notified | 5-6 weeks after deadline |
| Interns Visit Sites | 7 week from deadline to 2 weeks prior to semester beginning |
| Internship begins | Same day as regular classes for semester |

**Description:**
The Michigan Department of Education requires candidates for the early childhood education endorsement to complete a full semester internship in a preschool classroom. Preschool is defined as working with infants/toddlers, age 0-2 ½ and preschoolers, age 2 ½-4. **A full semester internship in a preschool classroom consists of 5 half-day sessions per week (3 hours per day) or 2.5 full-day sessions per week (6 2 days & 3 hours another day).** Tasks of an intern include observing, assisting the mentor teacher with classroom routines, and extend to planning and facilitating learning activities through lessons, centers, and play. **Summer interns will complete the internship over both summer sessions as though a full semester.** Interns will attend 4 evening seminars over the course of semester as well. The University Coordinator will determine the day, time, and location of the seminar. The seminar will focus on issues related to early childhood curriculum and the internship experience.

**Prerequisite:** ED 3690

PLEASE NOTE THAT SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION CONSTITUTES YOUR REGISTRATION PERMISSION FOR ED 4090 AND 4700. Once submitted you will be registered for both the internship and the seminar.
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Name: WIN
E-mail: Birth date Phone number

Local address:
Home address:

Semester for which you are applying: Fall Spring Summer Year:
(please highlight or underline)

Select age group preference: infants, toddlers, preschoolers
(please highlight or underline)

Select preferred program option: (please highlight or underline top 2 choices)
FALL/SPRING SUMMER (May-August)
Private child care centers Private child care centers
Children’s Place (campus) Children’s Place (campus)
Head Start (3’s, 4’s & mix age)
State funded 4’s private program (GSRP)
School based preschool (GSRP)

Needed placement outside of Kalamazoo County: Where?

Driving capabilities:
I rely on public transportation and must be placed on or near campus
I can get around within a 10-15-minute geographical area
I am willing to drive up to 30 minutes for the best placement option for me

Indicate days and times available: (3-8 hour blocks)
☐ Monday TO
☐ Tuesday TO
☐ Wednesday TO
☐ Thursday TO
☐ Friday TO

Major/s, minor/s

Other Comments or Questions:
Answer the following questions as thoroughly as possible using full sentences:

1. List and explain the experiences you have had working with young children specifically and youth in general. These include any of your field experience placements, where they took place, child ages and the amount of time put into these experiences.

2. Identify the contributions you would be able to make to the infant, toddler or preschool program. Provide any other insights you have that might be helpful in making your placement decision or allowing a prospective mentor teacher to know you a little better.

3. Indicate the experiences you hope to have during your pre-kindergarten internship.

4. What Center events (e.g. parent meetings, family nights, staff meetings, celebrations) would you like to assist in supervising or facilitating? Indicate those activities in which you have prior experience as well as the extent of experience.

5. Your philosophy of education—briefly covered. Do not go into a lengthy discussion concerning how you intend to change or alter education. Be concise about why you wish to teach.

6. Introduce yourself to the coordinator & mentor teacher in a brief autobiographical statement. Share how you came to the choice of early childhood & elementary education as a career. You may also want to share hobbies, talents, recreational interests, college and community service activities and any other relevant information.

Submit this application to: tammie.klinger@wmich.edu