Siena Heights University  
**Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education/Montessori-based (Pre-K – primary)**

Degree Requirements (36 sem. hrs. total)

Students who have an undergraduate major in Montessori education are not eligible to pursue this major.

**Prerequisites:**
- CDV 115 Child Growth and Development 3
- EDU 322/TED 522 Methods and Materials of Early Childhood Education 3
- OR Equivalent Courses

**COMMON CORE:** (6 s.h.)
- GRS 601 History and Philosophy of Ideas 3
- GRS 602 Introduction to Research [non-thesis track] 3
- OR GRS 605 Methodology of Research [thesis track] 3

**PROFESSIONAL CORE:** (6 s.h.)
- TED 601* Professional Reading and Writing in Teacher Education 3
- TED 617 Perspectives on Diversity 3

**SPECIALIZATION:** (15 s.h.)
- TED 623 Observation, Analysis, and Affective Learning Experiences for Young Children 3
- TED 625 Administration and Supervision in the Early Childhood Setting 3

*Select one from the following (Required):
- TED 512** Exceptional Children and Youth in the Regular Classroom (P-12) 3
- OR TED 612 Exploration of the Special Needs of Exceptional Children and Youth (P-12) 3

**Required:**
Adrian Dominican Montessori Teacher Education Institute Credit by Transfer: 6
- Educational Philosophy and History 1
- Early Childhood Development 1
- Everyday Living Curriculum 1
- Sensorial Curriculum 1
- Math Curriculum (TED 620) 1
- Language Curriculum (TED 621) 1

**INTEGRATIVE EXPERIENCE:** (6 s.h.)
Adrian Dominican Montessori Teacher Education Institute by Transfer:
- Montessori Student Teaching 6

**SUMMATIVE EXPERIENCE:** (3 s.h.)
- GRS 694 Thesis/Project Seminar (Early Childhood) 3

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NOTE: Completion of 15 semester hours of courses from the specialization and Integrative Experience (6 s.h.)—21 credits total in the box above—plus successful completion of the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification leads to the Early Childhood (ZA) Endorsement on an existing elementary teacher certificate in the State of Michigan.

*TED 601 must be scheduled as the first course or before 9 credit hours are earned.

**This course is not an option for the student who has previously completed as an undergraduate at Siena Heights University EDU 312 Exceptional Children and Youth in the Regular Classroom or the equivalent course at any other institution.