



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**Child Care Aware® of Missouri,
licensed to provide T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® MISSOURI Scholarship
and
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) continues the coordination activities between the University of Central Missouri (UCM) and Child Care Aware® of Missouri, licensed to provide T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® MISSOURI Scholarship (T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI) in offering 15 credit hours towards a Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Management in Early Childhood Education.

- Beginning **Summer 2023**, UCM will provide 15 credit hours towards the certificate. Courses to include:
 - o EDAD 5130: School Supervision (3)
 - o ECEL 5715: An Ecological Perspective of Family Engagement in Early Childhood Education (3)
 - o ECEL 5725: Early Childhood Business and Legal Issues (3)
 - o ECEL 5750: Multicultural Education: Beliefs, Curriculum & Pedagogy (3)
 - o ECEL 5790: Collaborative Practice in Early Childhood Education (3)
- Teachers enrolled in the program can expect highly qualified early childhood faculty who present and publish nationally and internationally and are leaders in professional organizations. UCM's early childhood faculty have many combined years of teaching experience and expertise in research-based best practices for classroom application.
- UCM's early childhood faculty will provide student/teacher personal advising sessions.
- UCM's Online and Learning Engagement (OLE) will provide a virtual admission and enrollment session.
- All courses listed above will be taught fully online.
- Courses taught for the cohort identified above will be billed to the teacher at **\$235.00 per credit hour**.
- T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI will identify a maximum of 15 teachers, eligible for the program and provide tuition assistance under the grant for the 15 credit hours leading to the certificate.
- At the completion of the certificate, the teacher can decide to pursue the Master of Science in Education in Early Childhood Education with an additional fifteen (15) credit hours to be billed to the teacher at the UCM Board of Governor's approved rate.
- Students/teachers must meet the minimum qualifications for admissions to UCM's Graduate Studies and the academic program as outlined below. Students will incur a \$30 application fee.
 - o Candidates must present documentation of completion of a bachelor's degree in early childhood education or a related field.
 - o A 2.50 minimum undergraduate GPA
 - o A letter from an administrator (i.e., childcare owner, director, or similar administrator role)
- Upon successful completion of the certificate, students will incur a \$50 graduation fee.
- This MOU remain in effect **until Spring 2025**.

