NON-DEGREE ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM IN PRESCHOOL - GRADE 3
Leading to NJ Preschool-Grade 3 Certification

I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This 15-credit endorsement in Preschool-Grade 3 is available to individuals who hold a Standard Instructional Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS) in the state of New Jersey. Students may complete the program in conjunction with the Ed.M. in Learning, Cognition & Development in the Department of Educational Psychology or with the Ed.M. in Early Childhood/Elementary Education in the Department of Learning and Teaching. In addition, non-degree-seeking students may complete the program on a non-matriculated basis (see below for more information about this option).

The program has three goals: (1) to prepare early childhood professionals to work in diverse settings with an understanding of the contexts in which children grow and develop; (2) to prepare teachers who are knowledgeable about children’s learning and their physical, cognitive, social and emotional development; and (3) to foster an understanding of a variety of ways in which early childhood programs can be delivered to support the foundations of discipline-based knowledge in literacy, mathematics, science, and art.

II. APPLICATION DEADLINES: Not currently accepting applications to this program.

III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: To be considered for admission to the program, applicants must provide all of the following:
1. A photocopy of a New Jersey Standard Instructional Certificate or a Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS).
2. Official academic transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate studies. Applicants are not usually admitted with a GPA of less than 2.75 in their most recent degree.

Only complete applications will be reviewed.

IV. HOW TO APPLY:
1. Current GSE Students: All applicants who are currently enrolled in a GSE program and wish to begin the endorsement program while continuing their current program should contact the GSE Office of Student and Academic Services (OSAS) at academic.services@gse.rutgers.edu.

2. Non-GSE Students: Applicants who are not current GSE students apply online at the Graduate Admissions website: http://grad.rutgers.edu/

Applicants are responsible for reviewing and confirming that they meet program requirements before the application is submitted. Rutgers Graduate School of Education WILL NOT refund the application fee if an applicant is not accepted.

When the entire application process is complete, students simply register for the courses in the program as described on the program handouts and on the GSE website gse.rutgers.edu. It is the responsibility of the student to enroll in all of the required courses through Rutgers University. No program requirements may be met at any other institution. Students are expected to maintain a “B” or better average as a non-degree student. Accepted students will have 5 years to complete the program.

After completing all of the required courses in the program, students should contact the Office of Academic Services at the GSE to notify them and to secure an application for the state endorsement. GSE
personnel will then forward the completed application to Trenton along with a recommendation that the certification be awarded.

V. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

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VI. PORTFOLIO: Students will be participating in an on-line instructional and evaluation system that will archive artifacts from classes to be specified by the faculty. Students must submit artifacts for this on-line portfolio throughout their program as directed by their program faculty. Details of this portfolio are specified in the Student Policy and Procedures Handbook.

VII. HIB TRAINING: All candidates for certification must complete pre-service training in the prevention of harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB).

VIII. COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION: No comprehensive examination is required.