

MIDDLE CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (4-9)

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Overview

In cooperation with various discipline departments in the University, the Department of Teacher Education and Leadership Studies offers a four-year middle childhood license approved by the Ohio Department of Education. The Middle Childhood License (Grades 4-9), Bachelor of Science in Education degree requires a minimum of 127 semester hours of course work (each concentration area requires a specific number of semester hours) including a semester of student teaching. Please refer to the four year plan for additional information. This teaching license requires passage of the Ohio Assessments for Educators in order to be eligible to student teach.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates of the Middle Childhood Program will be qualified to teach in the grades 4-9 classroom. Additional opportunities may be available in the private sector to tutor students. It is recommended that students in this major consider adding the Middle Childhood Generalist Endorsement to increase marketability.

Professional Dispositions:

In addition to the above learning outcomes, teacher candidates are expected to display the following professional dispositions:

- Creating fairness in the classroom
- Providing an inclusive environment that is safe and conducive to learning
- Demonstrating the belief that all students can learn
- Fostering collaborative relationships to support student learning and well-being
- Exhibiting professional skills

Field Experiences and Student Teaching

Students complete over 150 hours of preclinical experiences in ad Field experiences are included in the following courses and offer opportunities to provide varying levels of classroom support (observing, one-on-one tutoring, small group teaching, co-teaching, whole class teaching).

Field Experiences

- EDFN 1501 Introduction to Education
- EDFN 3708 Education and Society
- SPED 2630 Individuals with Exceptionalities in Society
- TERG 3701 Phonics in Reading Instruction
- TERG 3702 Developmental Reading Instruction
- TERG 3703 Assessment and Instruction in Reading
- TERG 2610 Reading Application in Content Areas Middle Years

Preclinical Field Experiences:

The preclinical experience is conducted in local schools and provides an opportunity for teacher candidates to complete an in-depth field experience prior to student teaching. This field experience requires a substantial time commitment, as teacher candidates spend the entire day in schools during designated weeks. The Middle Childhood preclinical experience is scheduled during the fall semester. Applications for the preclinical experience must be submitted (1) one year in advance to BCOE Room 2101, by September 1 for the preclinical experience. Contact the Beeghly College of Education, academic advisors for minimum preclinical prerequisites.

- TEMC 3702 Teaching & Learning in Middle Schools
- TEMC 4801 The Middle School Learning Community
- TEMC 3703 Thematic Instruction and Assessment Methods in Social Studies

And

- TEMC 3704 Teaching Mathematics in the Middle School

Or

- TEMC 3705 The Teaching of Science in the Middle School

Or

- TEMC 3706 Teaching Language Arts in the Middle School

Student Teaching

Students complete a 16 week student teaching experience. Students must pass the edTPA performance-based assessment with a minimum score of 37 during this experience.

- TEMC 4803 Student Teaching Seminar for Middle Childhood Education
- TEMC 4802 Student Teaching: Middle Childhood

Advisement

Advisement is provided by the academic advisors in the Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, and Education. Majors in this program must complete general education requirements, subject area curriculum requirements, reading course requirements, and professional education requirements. Prior to student teaching, all adolescent/young adult majors must complete a preclinical experience.

Required Assessments

The Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE) assess the content area and professional (pedagogical) knowledge of candidates who are seeking initial Ohio educator license or adding a new licence area. The assessments are aligned with Ohio's New Learning Standards. Teacher candidates must pass these exams prior to student teaching.

002 Assessment of Professional Knowledge (All MCE Candidates)

028 Middle Grades English Language Arts (for those with English Language Arts concentration)

030 Middle Grades Mathematics (for those with Mathematics concentration)

029 Middle Grades Science (for those with Science concentration)

031 Middle Grades Social Studies (for those with Social Studies concentration)

090 Foundations of Reading

Endorsements

The following endorsements are available to individuals holding this teaching license and may increase marketability: K-12 TESOL Endorsement, K-12 Reading Endorsement, Middle Childhood Generalist Endorsement (enables teaching in content areas not included in current course of study).