Are you ready to take on the world of junior high and the surrounding grades? This world will be filled with adolescents – an exciting yet sometimes scary time for pre-teens and teens. But as a teacher, you’ll be there to be a positive influence in their lives. With the middle level education endorsement, you’ll be qualified to teach grades 5 through 9. You’ll get a variety of students and ages, all looking to you to guide them through this phase in life. With a long-standing, excellent reputation for our education program, Wayne State is the perfect place to begin your career in education.

With the middle level education (5-9) endorsement, you’ll need to choose one core academic area to focus on. Then you’ll need to choose a second academic area for middle level, or any other subject or field endorsement, to receive your B.A. or B.S.

Skills Learned
- Teaching language arts and intermediate reading
- Developing social studies, math, and science curriculum
- Instructional design for grades 5-9
- Literacy assessment methods
- Practices for children with exceptionalities
- Classroom management and organization
- Instructional media and technology
- Consulting and collaborating

Possible Careers
- Middle school teacher
- Math teacher
- Language arts teacher
- Social studies teacher
- Science teacher
- Youth program director
- In-home tutor
- Distance-learning designer

Types of Employers
- Elementary schools
- Middle schools
- Community programs
- Youth programs
- Non-profit organizations
- Education / learning facilities
- Instructional software companies
- Government / federal agencies
- Educational resource companies
- Colleges and universities

Activities / Opportunities
- Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (NENTA)
- Peer tutoring and mentoring
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad

Clubs / Organizations
- Kappa Delta Pi
- Student Council for Exceptional Children
- Wayne Student Education Association of Nebraska (WSEAN)

Visit www.wsc.edu/clubs to learn more about clubs and organizations on campus.
Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. There is no substitute for developing a careful course registration plan in consultation with your advisor. For questions about this content, please see your advisor.

Students must complete the requirements of each level before moving forward to the next part of the program. This is a comprehensive endorsement.

Content area courses (39-42 hours): Students must complete the middle level pedagogy courses (15) and at least one of these middle level core academic subject areas (24-27): English language arts, science, social science, or math. In order to complete a B.A./B.S. degree, students must select a second subject area from either the middle level core academic subjects or from other middle level subject areas. Note: Students can also choose any other subject or field endorsement offered by the college. Total number of hours will depend on your selections.

Additional middle level subject areas include family and consumer sciences occupational, health and physical education, or special education. See catalog for list of acceptable classes in each area.

*Take a methods class for each content area selected.

It is recommended that students satisfactorily complete the Core exam before completion of their freshman year.

**Level 1: Preparing for Teacher Candidacy**

**FRESHMAN**

CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication (General Studies CAT 2) .......................................................... 3
EDU 150 Intro to Professional Education .......................................................... 3
ENG 102 Composition Skills (General Studies CAT 1) ........................................... 3
*MAT 210 Math for Elementary Teachers I (General Studies CAT 3) .......... 3
Content area course .......................................................... 3
General Studies CAT 4 ........................................................................ 3
General Studies CAT 5 ........................................................................ 3
General Studies CAT 6 ........................................................................ 3
General Studies CAT 7 ........................................................................ 3
General Studies CAT 8 ........................................................................ 3

*Additional math required if Math ACT is less than 19.

Start completing initial benchmarks during EDU 250.

**SOPHOMORE**

EDU 250 Human Development and Cognition ........................................... 3
EDU 275 PK-12 Instructional Design .......................................................... 3
Content area courses ........................................................................ 18
General Studies CAT 9 ..............................................................................
General Studies CAT 10 .............................................................................

Advancement to **Level 2**: Acceptance to Educator Preparation Candidacy required before taking any EDU/SPD 300-400 level classes.

**JUNIOR**

EDU 310 Reading, Writing, and Assessment in Content Areas .................. 2
EDU 350 The Middle Level Teacher (every other spring) ....................... 3
SPD 302 Inclusive Practices .................................................................. 3

Choose the course below that corresponds to your core academic subject area:

EDU 332 Development of Language Arts in the Elementary and Middle School .......................................................... 3
EDU 423 Development of Social Studies in the Elementary and Middle School .......................................................... 3
EDU 431 Development of Science in the Elementary and Middle School .......................................................... 3
EDU 432 Development of Math in the Elementary and Middle School .... 3
Content area courses ........................................................................ 18

**SENIOR**

EDU 409 Content Area Methods (first content area) ................................... 3
EDU 414 Content Area Clinical Experience ............................................... 1
SPD 435 or 436 Social, Emotional Development, Behavior Intervention, and Elementary or Secondary Prosocial Classroom Management ........ 3
Content area courses ........................................................................ 15

Advancement to **Level 3**: Clinical Practice

EDU 454 Clinical Practice and Seminar for Middle Level ....................... 12

All persons seeking Nebraska certification are required to provide proof of a passing score on the Praxis II content test designated for the area(s) of endorsement. For information about the test requirements, please visit the Nebraska Department of Education website at www.education.ne.gov.

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