

MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

Subject endorsement to teach grades 5-9

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 5-9. You'll get a variety of students and ages, all looking to you to guide them through this phase in life. With a longstanding, 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.

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Hours: 125-134

At least 120 hours are required for graduation from Wayne State College. Choosing a second academic area or additional subject or field endorsement will require additional hours.

Academic area options: First choice must be from the core of English language arts, science, social science, or mathematics. Second choice may be another core area, family and consumer sciences occupational, or health and physical education (for middle level), or any other subject or field endorsement.

Degrees offered: B.A. or B.S.

Department: Educational Foundations and Leadership

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

Clinical practice: One semester of student teaching required

focus on results

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

outside the classroom



Visit www.wsc.edu/clubs to learn more about clubs and organizations on campus.

Activities / Opportunities

- Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (NENTA)
- Peer tutoring
- Service-Learning

Clubs / Organizations

- Early Childhood Association
- Kappa Delta Pi
- Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA) Aspiring Educators
- Student Council for Exceptional Children

Sample program of study

2024-25 Academic Year

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. The class sequence listed is suggested only. The final decision rests with the student and academic 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.

Level 1: Preparing for Teacher Candidacy

Freshman

CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication (General Studies CAT 2).....	3
EDU 150 Introduction to Professional Education.....	3
ENG 102 Composition Skills (General Studies CAT 1).....	3
Content area course.....	3
General Studies CAT 3.....	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

Start completing initial benchmarks during EDU 245.

Sophomore

EDU 245: Preparing for Level 2: Teacher Candidacy (take with EDU 250 or first semester at WSC).....	0
EDU 250 Human Development and Cognition.....	3
EDU 275 PK-12 Instructional Design.....	3
Content area courses.....	18
General Studies CAT 9.....	3
General Studies CAT 10.....	3

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 (<i>every other spring</i>).....	3
SPD 302 Inclusion and Co-teaching in General Education.....	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 409 Content Area Methods (second content area).....	3
EDU 414 Content Area Practicum Experience.....	1
EDU 445 Preparing for Level 3: Clinical Practice (semester before clinical practice).....	0
SPD 435 or 436 Classroom Management through Social-Emotional Learning K-6 or 7-12.....	3
Content area courses.....	15

Advancement to Level 3: Clinical Practice

EDU 454 Clinical Practice and Seminar for Middle Level.....	12
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All persons seeking Nebraska certification are required to provide proof of a passing score on the Praxis Subject Assessment 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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