2026-27 Academic Year

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.

The Middle Level Education (5-9) endorsement is a standalone subject endorsement, with one core subject area required. However, you are encouraged to choose a second subject area or any other subject endorsement to receive your B.A. or B.S.

fast facts

Credit hours: Varies depending on subject area choice(s). Minimum is 63.

Students must also take 30 credit hours of General Studies courses. A total of 120 credit hours are needed to graduate from WSC. Additional majors or minors can be added to help meet graduation requirements.

Degree options: B.A. or B.S.

Department: Educational Foundations and Leadership

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

Popular pairings: Coaching, Elementary Education, ESL Education, Reading and Writing Education, Special Education Generalist

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

- Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA) Aspiring Educators
- Student Council for Exceptional Children

Courses and outcomes

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The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Program courses

Middle Level Content Courses

EDU 310 Reading, Writing, and Assessment in Content Areas 2
EDU 350 The Middle Level Teacher 3
EDU 409 Content Area Methods and Assessment (must be repeated for each selected subject area) 3
EDU 414 Content Area Practicum Experience (take concurrently once with EDU 409) 1
SPD 302 Inclusion and Co-teaching in General Education 3
Select the course below that corresponds to the core academic subject area 3
EDU 332 Development of Language Arts in Elementary and Middle School (3)
EDU 423 Development of Social Studies in the Elementary and Middle School (3)
EDU 431 Development of Science in Elementary and Middle School (3)
EDU 432 Development of Mathematics in Elementary and Middle School (3)

Professional Education Courses

EDU 150 Introduction to Professional Education 3
EDU 245 Preparing for Level 2: Teacher Candidacy 0
EDU 250 Human Development and Cognition 3
EDU 275 PK-12 Instructional Design 3
EDU 445 Preparing for Level 3: Clinical Practice 0
*EDU 454 Clinical Practice and Seminar for Middle Level 12
Select one of the following 3
SPD 435 Classroom Management through Social Emotional Learning K-6 (3)
SPD 436 Classroom Management through Social Emotional Learning 7-12 (3)

**If a second subject endorsement is chosen outside the Middle Level options, 6 credits of EDU 454 Clinical Practice for Middle Level and 6 credits of the corresponding EDU/SPD Clinical Practice course will be required.*

Middle Level Subject Areas

Select one of the following core subject areas (see catalog for subject area courses) 24-28
English Language Arts
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies

Teacher candidates are encouraged to select a second subject area or another subject endorsement. A second subject area may be chosen from the core subject areas listed above, or from the following additional subject areas:
Family and Consumer Sciences
Health and Physical Education

Student learning outcomes

Middle Level program

Teacher candidates who successfully complete the Middle Level Education endorsement will be able to:
1. Utilize evidence-based inclusive practices to develop meaningful learning experiences for students in middle and secondary school settings (grades 5-9 in selected content areas)

Education programs

Teacher candidates who successfully complete an education preparation program at Wayne State will be able to:
1. Create environments that support individual and collaborative learning using knowledge of how students grow and develop, along with individual differences and diverse cultures. (InTASC Standards 1-3)
2. Plan for instruction by applying content knowledge, a variety of instructional strategies, and multiple methods of assessment to connect concepts for learners in real-world applications. (InTASC Standards 4-8)
3. Engage in ongoing professional learning and use evidence to reflect on and adapt practice to meet the needs of each learner. (InTASC Standard 9)
4. Seek leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with stakeholders, and to advance the profession. (InTASC Standard 10)

education faculty

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