

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION IN MIDDLE CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (4-9), LANGUAGE ARTS-SCIENCE CONCENTRATION

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## OVERVIEW

In cooperation with various academic discipline departments in the University, the Department of Teacher Education and Leadership Studies offers a four-year Middle Childhood Education Program (grades 4-9), Science and Language Arts Concentration, approved by the Ohio Department of Education. The Middle Childhood Science and Language Arts License (Grades 4-9), Bachelor of Science in Education degree requires a minimum of 130 semester hours of course work. This teaching field 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

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- 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 a number of field experiences to support the learning of content and best practices of teaching. Field experiences 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
- TEMC 3702 Teaching & Learning in Middle Schools

### Preclinical Field Experiences

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**designated weeks. The Middle Childhood preclinical experience is scheduled during the fall semester. Applications for the preclinical experience must be submitted to the Office of Student Field Experience one year in advance by September 1st.**

- TEMC 4804 Middle Level Instructional Design and Student Outcomes
- TEMC 4801 The Middle School Learning Community
- TEMC 3705 The Teaching of Science in the Middle School
- 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 39 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 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 middle childhood majors must complete a preclinical experience.

## REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS

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

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

029 Middle Grades Science (for those with Science concentration)

090 Foundations of Reading

## ENDORSEMENTS

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- TEMC 3702 Teaching & Learning in Middle Schools
- And
- TEMC 4801 The Middle School Learning Community
- And
- TEMC 3705 The Teaching of Science in the Middle School
- And
- TEMC 3706 Teaching Language Arts in the Middle School

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- And
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002 Assessment of Professional Knowledge (All MCE Candidates)

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COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
<b>FIRST YEAR REQUIREMENT -STUDENT SUCCESS</b>		
YSU 1500	Success Seminar	1-2
or YSU 1500S	Youngstown State University Success Seminar	
or HONR 1500	Intro to Honors	
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
ENGL 1550	Writing 1 (requires a B average)	3-4
or ENGL 1549	Writing 1 with Support	
ENGL 1551	Writing 2 (requires a B average)	3
<b>Mathematics Requirement</b>		
One of the following courses may be taken to fulfill Math GER.		3-4
MATH 2623	Quantitative Reasoning	
or MATH 262	Quantitative Reasoning with Co-Requisite Support	
Some courses are categorized in more than one knowledge domain. Courses can only be used once within the General Educaiton model. Courses listed for GER's below are required in this program. See page 2 for other General Education recommendations.		
Arts and Humanities <sup>hours met with major courses</sup>		
Natural Sciences (2 courses, 1 lab) <sup>Hours met with major courses</sup>		
Social Science		
PSYC 1560	General Psychology	3
Social Science GER		3
General Education Electives (9 s.h.) <sup>Hours met with major courses</sup>		6
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3
The remaining 6 s.h. are met in the major.		
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
TCED 2600	Becoming an Education Professional	1
TCED 2601	Diversity and Equity in the Classroom	1
<b>Language Arts Concentration</b>		
CMST 2656	Interpersonal Communication	3
ENGL 2610	World Literature (AH)	3
ENGL 2618	American Literature and Diversity (AH)	3
ENGL 2651	Introduction to Language (SS)	3
ENGL 3700	Literary Study	3
ENGL 3704	Literature for Middle School Readers	3
ENGL 3730	Teaching Language Arts	3
ENGL 3739	Writing for Middle School Teachers	3
<b>Science Concentration</b>		
BIOL 1505	Biology and the Modern World (NS)	3
CHEM 1500	Chemistry in Modern Living (NS)	3
GEOL 1505 & 1505L	Physical Geology and Physical Geology Laboratory (NS)	4
GEOL 2605	Historical Geology	4
PHYS 2607	Physical Science for Middle and Secondary Education (NS)	4

ASTR 1504	Descriptive Astronomy (NS)	3
ENST 2600	Foundations of Environmental Science	3
ENST 2600L	Foundations of Environmental Science Laboratory	1
GEOG 2630	Weather	3
GEOG 2630L	Weather Lab	1
TEMC 3707	Science/Technology/Society (upper division status - for science concentration area candidates only) <sup>1,2</sup>	3
<b>Professional Education Curriculum</b>		
EDFN 1501	Introduction to Education	3
PSYC 3709	Psychology of Education	3
SPED 2630	Individuals with Exceptionalities in Society <sup>1</sup>	3
SPED 2630L	Individuals with Exceptionalities in Society Laboratory Experience	0
EDFN 3708	Education and Society	3
TEMC 3702	Teaching & Learning in Middle Schools <sup>1,2</sup>	3
<b>Reading Course Requirements</b>		
TERG 2605	Reading Foundational Skills Across Content Areas Pre-K – 12	3
TERG 3700	Phonological Awareness and Phonics	3
TERG 3720	Developmental Reading Instruction: Vocabulary, Comprehension, and Writing	3
TERG 3730	Reading Assessment, Instruction, and Intervention	3
<b>Preclinical Curriculum</b>		
TEMC 4801	The Middle School Learning Community <sup>2</sup>	3
TCED 4800L	Laboratory Experience for Teaching All Learners	0
TEMC 4804	Middle Level Instructional Design and Student Outcomes <sup>2</sup>	3
TEMC 3705	The Teaching of Science in the Middle School <sup>2</sup>	3
TEMC 3706	Teaching Language Arts in the Middle School <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Student Teaching Curriculum</b>		
TEMC 4802	Student Teaching: Middle Childhood <sup>2</sup>	10
TEMC 4803	Student Teaching Seminar for Middle Childhood Education <sup>2</sup>	2
TCED 5888E	Seminar edTPA Review	1
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>135-138</b>

<sup>1</sup> Prerequisites for preclinical curriculum.

<sup>2</sup> Upper division course.

## General Information

- It is highly recommended that all teacher candidates meet with an academic advisor every semester.
- Neither admission to the University nor declaration of a major related to a teaching field guarantees admission to the TELS Teacher Education Programs or candidacy for a teaching license.
- A grade of “C” or better is required in all courses. Some courses cannot be taken CR/NC. Check with an Advisor. Professional education and preclinical courses may only be repeated **one** time.

## Upper Division

- **Formal Admission to Teacher Education (Upper-Division) is required before teacher candidates are allowed to enroll in certain junior and senior level courses in TELS.**
- Upper division requirements:
  - \_\_\_\_ Completion of 50 SH
  - \_\_\_\_ Minimum 2.75 overall GPA
  - \_\_\_\_ “B” average or better (A-C, B-B) for: ENGL 1550 and ENGL 1551.

- If failure to meet “B” average above must also complete:
  - \_\_\_\_ ENGL 2601 grade of “B” or better.
  - **If you receive a “C” or below you will need to retake the course.**
- \_\_\_\_ “B” average or better (B-B-B, A-B-C) across the following:

\_\_\_\_ EDFN 1501      \_\_\_\_ CMST 1545  
 \_\_\_\_ SPED 2630      \_\_\_\_ BIOL 1505 or ENGL 1551

- After completing a minimum of 50 SH, submit the following:
  - Upper Division application (Portal)
  - Good Moral Character Statement
  - Copy of BCI & FBI clearances
  - Writing prompt (Blackboard)
- Deadlines for submission for upper division status (**late applications may not be accepted**):
  - **September 1**—to register for Upper Division Courses for Spring
  - **February 1**—to register for Upper Division courses for Summer & Fall

## Admission to Preclinical and Evaluation for Graduation

- Request must be submitted to TaskStream **one year prior to the intended preclinical semester no later than:**
- **September 1**—for Fall preclinical (**Late applications may not be accepted**)
- **February 1**—for Spring preclinical (**Late applications may not be accepted**)
- Content GPA (2.67 minimum), Professional GPA (2.67 minimum), Overall GPA (2.75 minimum).

## Student Teaching

- Student teaching application must be submitted following instructions found on the portal.
- **Late applications will likely result in a delay to student teaching by one semester. Application and forms are due to the Office of Student Field Experience:**
  - September 1—to Student Teach the following Spring Semester
  - February 1—to Student Teach the following Fall Semester
- **Prerequisites:**
  - BCOE Upper Division status
  - Overall 2.75 GPA
  - Minimum of 2.67 GPA in subject area curriculum and 2.67 in professional education courses with no grade less than a “C”
  - Passage of OAE test(s) and ACTFL tests for foreign language

## Completing a Bachelor of Science in Education with Licensure

- **Successful completion of student teaching (endorsed) with CPAST average score of 2 with no zeros**
- **Minimum score of 39 on edTPA, with the exception of a 34 for Foreign Language**

## Completing a Bachelor of Science in Education without Licensure

- A teacher candidate may choose to graduate without licensure. Teacher candidates who wish to graduate without licensure must take TCED 4830 (3 SH) capstone course in place of student teaching.

### Year 1

Fall		S.H.
YSU 1500	Success Seminar	1
or YSU 1500S	or Youngstown State University Success Seminar	
or HONR 1500	or Intro to Honors	
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3
or ENGL 1549	or Writing 1 with Support	

ENGL 2618	American Literature and Diversity (counts as AH)	3
PSYC 1560	General Psychology	3
GEOL 1505 & 1505L	Physical Geology and Physical Geology Laboratory	4
TCED 2600	Becoming an Education Professional	1
TCED 2601	Diversity and Equity in the Classroom	1
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3

**Semester Hours** 19

#### Spring

ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
ENGL 2610	World Literature (counts as AH)	3
EDFN 1501	Introduction to Education	3
ENST 2600 & 2600L	Foundations of Environmental Science and Foundations of Environmental Science Laboratory	4
MATH 2623	Quantitative Reasoning	3

**Semester Hours** 16

#### Year 2

##### Fall

ENGL 2651	Introduction to Language	3
SPED 2630	Individuals with Exceptionalities in Society	3
SPED 2630L	Individuals with Exceptionalities in Society Laboratory Experience	0
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3
CHEM 1500	Chemistry in Modern Living	3
TERG 2605	Reading Foundational Skills Across Content Areas Pre-K – 12	3

Social Science GER 3

**Semester Hours** 18

##### Spring

ENGL 3700	Literary Study	3
TERG 3700	Phonological Awareness and Phonics	3
ASTR 1504	Descriptive Astronomy	3
PHYS 2607	Physical Science for Middle and Secondary Education	4
GEOL 2605	Historical Geology	4

**Semester Hours** 17

#### Year 3

##### Fall

ENGL 3704	Literature for Middle School Readers	3
BIOL 1505	Biology and the Modern World	3
CMST 2656	Interpersonal Communication	3
TERG 3720	Developmental Reading Instruction: Vocabulary, Comprehension, and Writing	3
GEOG 2630	Weather	3
GEOG 2630L	Weather Lab	1
PSYC 3709	Psychology of Education	3

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##### Spring

ENGL 3730	Teaching Language Arts	3
ENGL 3739	Writing for Middle School Teachers	3
TEMC 3707	Science/Technology/Society	3
TEMC 3702	Teaching & Learning in Middle Schools	3
TERG 3730	Reading Assessment, Instruction, and Intervention	3
Social and Personal Awareness GER		3

**Semester Hours** 18

#### Year 4

##### Fall

TEMC 4801	The Middle School Learning Community	3
TCED 4800L	Laboratory Experience for Teaching All Learners	0
TEMC 3705	The Teaching of Science in the Middle School	3
TEMC 3706	Teaching Language Arts in the Middle School	3
EDFN 3708	Education and Society	3
TEMC 4804	Middle Level Instructional Design and Student Outcomes	3

**Semester Hours** 15

##### Spring

TEMC 4802	Student Teaching: Middle Childhood	10
TEMC 4803	Student Teaching Seminar for Middle Childhood Education	2
TCED 5888E	Seminar edTPA Review	1

**Semester Hours** 13

**Total Semester Hours** 135

## Learning Outcomes

The following learning outcomes are based on The Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession. These standards were developed for use as a guide for teachers as they continually reflect upon and improve their effectiveness as educators throughout all of the stages of their careers. These standards serve as an important tool for teachers as they consider their growth and development in the profession. These standards in developing and content of our teacher education programs. They are interrelated and connect in teachers' practice.

- Teachers understand student learning and development and respect the diversity of the students they teach.
- Teachers know and understand the content area for which they have instructional responsibility.
- Teachers understand and use varied assessments to inform instruction, evaluate and ensure student learning.
- Teachers plan and deliver effective instruction that advances the learning of each individual student.
- Teachers create learning environments that promote high levels of learning and achievement for all students.
- Teachers assume responsibility for professional growth, performance and involvement as an individual and as a member of a learning community.
- Teachers collaborate and communicate with students, parents, other educators, administrators and the community to support student learning. Teachers assume responsibility for professional growth, performance and involvement as an individual and as a member of a learning community.

The learning outcomes for this program, align with the 5 Standards of the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE):

- Middle level teacher candidates understand, use, and reflect on the major concepts, principles, theories, and research related to young adolescent development and use that knowledge in their practice. They demonstrate their ability to apply this knowledge when making curricular decisions, planning and implementing instruction, participating in middle level programs and practices, and providing healthy and effective learning environments for all young adolescents.
- Middle level teacher candidates understand and use the central concepts, standards, research, and structures of content to plan and implement curriculum that develops all young adolescents' competence in subject matter. They use their knowledge and available resources to design, implement, and evaluate challenging, developmentally responsive curriculum that results in meaningful learning outcomes. Middle level teacher candidates demonstrate their ability to assist all young

adolescents in understanding the interdisciplinary nature of knowledge.

They design and teach curriculum that is responsive to all young adolescents' local, national, and international histories, language/dialects, and individual identities (e.g., race, ethnicity, culture, age, appearance, ability, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, family composition).

- Middle level teacher candidates understand the major concepts, principles, theories, and research underlying the philosophical foundations of developmentally responsive middle level programs and schools, and they work successfully within middle level organizational components.
- Middle level teacher candidates understand, use, and reflect on the major concepts, principles, theories, and research related to data-informed instruction and assessment. They employ a variety of developmentally appropriate instructional strategies, information literacy skills, and technologies to meet the learning needs of all young adolescents (e.g., race, ethnicity, culture, age, appearance, ability, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, family composition).
- Middle level teacher candidates understand their complex roles as teachers of young adolescents. They engage in practices and behaviors that develop their competence as middle level professionals. They are informed advocates for young adolescents and middle level education, and work successfully with colleagues, families, community agencies, and community members. Middle level teacher candidates demonstrate positive dispositions and engage in ethical professional behaviors.