



Pre-Education, Middle Grades

■ What Is Middle Grades Education?

Education is the profession of teaching. Teachers act as coaches, using interactive discussions and “hands-on” approaches to help students learn and apply concepts in subjects such as science, mathematics, or English. They provide the tools and the environment for their students to learn abstract concepts, solve problems, and develop critical thought processes.

Middle grades teachers help students delve more deeply into subjects introduced in elementary school and expose them to more information about the world. Middle grades teachers in Ohio usually specialize in two of three concentrations; science, math, and social studies.

They also play a vital role in the development of their students. Middle grades teachers often become role models for pre-adolescents and young adolescents. What children learn and experience during these years can shape their views of themselves and the world, and will affect their later success or failure in school, work, and their personal lives.

Our middle grades education program is dedicated to improving the educational experiences of children in grades four through nine, with a special commitment to urban education.

A bachelor's degree in education is the minimum educational requirement for entering the teaching profession. This program provides you with the first 2 years toward completion of your bachelor's degree.

■ Success Factors

You must have the ability to communicate, inspire trust and confidence, and motivate students, as well as understand your educational and emotional needs. You must be able to recognize and respond to individual and cultural differences in students. Flexibility and adaptability are important. You should also be organized, dependable, patient, and creative. You must be able to work cooperatively and communicate effectively with other teachers, support staff, parents, and members of the community. You should also respect and enjoy working with children and young adolescents.

■ Career Possibilities

With your bachelor's degree and proper licensing, your employment opportunities include teacher, instructor and tutor. You may teach in public or private schools. Opportunities depend, in part, on your areas of concentration. (You will pick two from: language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.)

Advanced degrees are generally required for director, principal, superintendent, librarian and guidance counselor.

■ Majoring In Middle Grades Education

This program is for students who plan to transition to the University of Cincinnati College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services to complete their bachelor's degree in one of the most innovative teacher education programs in the country.

Pre-Middle Grades prepares you to complete requirements to teach in Ohio's intermediate programs, grades four through nine, although with proper licensure, graduates can and do teach in many other states.

We are actively involved in implementing new courses to meet the needs of future teachers. In addition, field experiences have been greatly expanded to guarantee that you will begin your career with the professional background and skills needed for success, as well as a thorough knowledge of standards and age-appropriate practices.

You will begin classroom interaction at local schools early in your studies. Observations and field experiences form a central component in the study and evaluation of your work.

Advancement in the program requires that you be admitted into the professional cohort during your second year. You will need to closely consult with your academic advisor to be sure you meet selection criteria.

You should be able to complete this program in 2 years, attending full-time fall, winter and spring quarters. It will take you another 2 years to complete your bachelor's degree in education. Our students have the opportunity to complete their bachelor's degrees on our campus through UC's College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services. For details on this program, please speak to your academic advisor early in your studies.

■ Program Requirements

You should check with your academic advisor every quarter *before* you register for classes. Two years is really a short time to squeeze in all of your degree requirements. We cannot offer every course every quarter. If you miss taking a prerequisite for a required course, or don't take a particular course the only quarter it is offered during the year, you can jeopardize your ability to complete your degree on time.

CORE COURSES	Cr. Hrs.
Effective Public Speaking	3
Schooling and Teaching in American Society	3
Human Diversity	3
Independent Study in Education.....	3
Computer Tools for Teachers.....	4
Educational Psychology.....	4
English Composition I, II.....	6
Intermediate Composition.....	3
Introduction to Psychology I	3
Adolescent Development	3
Foundations and History of Special Education.....	4
Literature Elective	3
Teaching Area Concentration Studies*	varies
TOTAL....	97-101

* You must select any two of the four areas of concentration: language arts, mathematics, natural science and social studies. Your advisor will help you pick appropriate courses. The total credit hours of your program will depend on which two areas of concentration you pursue.

Students who will transfer to Northern Kentucky University to complete their bachelor's degrees have different course requirements. Please see your advisor for details.

■ Advantages & Special Opportunities

The Clermont campus is on 92 wooded acres located in Batavia, Ohio, in the heart of Clermont County. We are relatively small and our faculty to student ratio is low. You will find our small class size and personal interaction with your instructors create the ideal learning environment. Parking is convenient and at no additional charge. Plus, our tuition is the lowest of the UC colleges.

We also maintain close ties with area school administrators through the Educational Advisory Committee (representatives from the classroom, pupil personnel, counselors, and county board of education offices).

Ties to our local community are also strengthened by the service learning component we recently added to all education courses. You will provide valued assistance in area schools, as you connect learned academic theory to real-world experiences.

■ Admissions

UC Clermont College is an open admissions campus. If you have your high school diploma, GED, or its equivalent, we will admit you. We accept applications all year long and you may start any quarter. Financial aid takes 6-8 weeks to process. We recommend that you apply at least 10 weeks prior to your desired attendance.

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