



MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION

Major in Middle Grades Education

The BS in Middle Grades Education program consists of extensive field-based learning and integrated, cross-disciplinary course work. The curriculum and the field experiences prepare teacher candidates to address the human relations and diversity within the public schools. The Middle Grades Education program is organized in cohorts led by mentor leaders. A cohort is a group of students who begins and ends a program at the same time. The teacher candidates take courses together providing program offerings that enhance the opportunities for developing collaboration that will eventually help the students as they work in schools and in the community.

The Middle Grades Education program is designed to prepare prospective teachers of young adolescents in grades 4-8. In addition to field placements in elementary and middle grades classrooms throughout the two years in the program, teacher candidates will take courses to support two areas of concentration: English/language arts and a choice of either mathematics, science, or social science.

The Middle Grades Education program is approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (Ga PSC) and is Nationally Recognized by the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE). The John H. Lounsbury College of Education is also accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The Collegiate Middle Level Association (CMLA) program sponsors the Annual Summit Conference each October and Georgia College is currently the Collegiate Middle Level Association (CMLA) Host Institution from 2017-2019.

Make an Impact

The breadth and depth of knowledge gained will prepare graduates for a variety of career paths...

- Teacher
- Tutor
- Librarian
- Curriculum Developer
- Human Resources Director
- School Counselor
- School Administrator
- Vice Principal
- Principal
- Superintendent
- Physical Education Teacher
- Children's Minister
- Curriculum Development Specialist
- Education Management Specialist
- Family Services Worker
- Religious School Teacher
- School Administrator
- School Counselor
- Social Services Specialist
- Youth Program Director
- Youth Specialist
- Teaching Assistant

Develop Skills

written communication
presentation leadership
reasoning interpersonal
direct student contact
problem solving presentation
child development
analysis techniques critical thinking
oral communication
relationship building curriculum
presentation software
assessment strategies
relationship building problem-solving
communication curriculum
critical thinking child development
reasoning leadership

...the possibilities are endless.

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Explore and Engage with Middle Grades Education



Ask faculty about attending professional conferences



Join Georgia Association of Educators (GAE)



Join Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society of Education



Take a class



Ask faculty about study abroad opportunities



Talk to your academic advisor



Meet with a career advisor to discuss your plan



Connect with alumni via LinkedIn

Top employers at GC for Middle Grades Education majors



Gwinnett County Public Schools



Cobb County Schools



Fulton County Schools



Houston County Schools



Forsyth County Schools

Considering adding a Minor?

These minors can complement the Middle Grades Education major

- Business Administration
- English
- History
- International Studies
- Urban Studies
- Sociology
- Rhetoric
- Philosophy
- Marketing
- Management

Median Starting Salary for Middle Grades Education majors



*based on GC First Destination Surveys, 2019 - 2022

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