

MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION (MED)

Program Overview

The M.Ed. program is designed for educators who have completed initial certification preparation in a teacher education field and who currently hold a T-4 or equivalent teaching certificate. It provides advanced professional and pedagogical studies that develop expertise in the knowledge, skills, and habits of accomplished teachers. All educator preparation programs are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

Career Opportunities

Upon successful completion of the M.Ed. program, the candidate may apply to upgrade teacher certification to the T-5 level.

Program of Study

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Area 1 Professional Core		
EDUF 6115	Educational Psychology: Achievement for Diverse Learners	3
EDUF 6116	Educational Research Methods	3
or EDUF 7116	Applied Educational Research: Assessing and Monitoring Student Achievement	
Area 1 Total		6
Area 2 Middle Grades Core		
EDCI 6158	Trends and Issues in Middle Grades and Secondary Education	2
EDCI 6255	Teacher Inquiry and Investigation	3
Content Methods (choose one):		
EDSE 6117	Improved Teaching of English Language Arts, Grades 4-12	4
EDSE 6125	Teaching Mathematics in Secondary and Middle School	4
EDSE 6135	Teaching Science in Middle and Secondary School	4
EDSE 6245	Advanced Methods in Social Studies, Grades 4-12	4
Area 2 Total		9
Area 3 Concentration		
Select 12 hours of any advisor approved 5000G+ course with the following prefixes: EDCI, ENGL, EDMG, EDSE, EDRG, MATH, STAT, EDTL, ATSC, CHEM, BIOL, GEOL, PHYS, HIST, POLS GEOG, EDUC		
Area 3 Total		12
Area 4 Electives		
Select 3 credits approved by the advisor		
Area 4 Total		3
Total Program Hours:		30

Admission Requirements

- Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 (regular admission) or 2.50 (provisional admission) on all undergraduate work at an accredited United States institution in fulfillment of the requirements for a baccalaureate degree

- A clear renewable teaching license or documentation of eligibility for certification (approved program completion and applicable licensure exam scores)
- The successful applicant must not have a criminal record or discharge from the armed services that would prevent recommendation for related teacher certifications

Additional Program Requirements

- Students must earn a 3.0 GPA calculated on all graduate work attempted. "Academic Forgiveness" policy does not apply to graduate studies
- Students cannot graduate with a grade of "C" or below in more than two (2) graduate courses
- A minimum of 27 hours of the hours required for the degree must be earned in residence (75%). Asynchronous (online) and distance learning courses administered through Columbus State University constitute courses taken in residence
- A maximum of nine (9) semester hours of transfer credit or courses taken at CSU prior to full admission to a masters degree program may be applied toward the degree. Courses with earned grades of "C" or below cannot be transferred. The student's advisor and the coordinator of the program in which the student is enrolled must approve any courses transferred
- All degree requirements must be completed within seven (7) years of first enrollment