

Middle Grades Endorsements

Unless you have a K-12 Certificate, you must have a Middle Grades Endorsement on either your Elementary or Secondary Certificate in order to teach grades 5-8. To become eligible for this endorsement you must complete the required number of hours in the specific content field(s) and complete courses focused on teaching in the middle grades. At EIU, the undergraduate courses are:

MLE 3110

MLE 4280

MLE 4760

Prior planning should be done to incorporate these courses into your long-range plan. A minimum of two semesters are required to complete the endorsement as MLE 3110 (requires University Approval to Take Teacher Education Courses) is a prerequisite to MLE 4280 and MLE 4760. In addition, it is highly recommended that you also take the Middle School Practicum (MLE 4000). If you do not wish to take these courses immediately you may wait and add the endorsement by taking specific courses (either through EIU or another institution) at a later time. Post-baccalaureate teacher certification candidates or graduate students seeking to add the endorsement can choose to take MLE 5110 and MLE 5150 instead.

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