

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

GRADES 5-8



## PREPARING GREAT TEACHERS SINCE 1895!

The Department of Teaching, Learning, & Foundations has been ranked one of the top teacher candidate preparation programs in the state. We strive to advance the scholarly preparation of pre-service and practicing teachers by providing quality instruction that exemplifies the best teaching practices for children from birth through age fourteen. Teacher candidates are able to expand their knowledge through course work, action research, and substantial field experiences. All programs consist of three semesters of integrated coursework and field experience prior to student teaching.

### SPECIFIC MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

The Middle Level Education curriculum prepares candidates to teach adolescents transitioning from childhood to young adulthood, placing primary focus on grades five through eight. Teacher candidates will be endorsed in middle grades literacy/

language arts and a subject area of their choice (middle grades mathematics, middle grades social science or middle grades general science).

- This is a face-to-face on campus traditional program taught by faculty that have experience in the school setting.
- Total semester hours required for the degree with subject area endorsements range from 127 to 136 semester hours.
- Candidate must also meet current Illinois content test and performance assessment requirements to be eligible for teacher licensure.
- Practicum experiences in the Middle Level major total 165 hours at a variety of participation levels. The field experience starts with observation and volunteerism working toward actual participation, lesson planning and teaching.

- + NATIONAL ACCREDITATION
- + TRANSFER FRIENDLY
- + 96% FIRST YEAR PLACEMENT RATE

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