



MIDDLE CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

BGSU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

BGSU's middle childhood education program leads to a Bachelor of Science degree in education and an Ohio teaching license, enabling successful candidates to teach two subject areas (mathematics, social studies, language arts, science) in grades 4 through 9.

College of Education and Human Development – Middle Childhood Education

Points of Pride

- BGSU is the largest producer of teacher education graduates in Ohio, and BGSU's teacher education graduates get paid more on average than any other graduates in the state, according to a study by Payscale
- Field experiences start as soon as freshman year and will total nearly 1,000 hours by graduation, setting BGSU students apart from their competition
- Optional middle childhood generalist endorsement enables teaching in all subject areas in grades 4-6
- Quality teaching resources available through the Curriculum Resource Center and Technology Resource Center
- Study abroad opportunities in Keele, England, and student teaching in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Aldine, Texas.
- Opportunity to join the Educators in Context and Community (ECCO) learning community
- Graduates have a 99.4 percent pass rate on the standardized teacher licensure tests
- Access to excellent professional organizations with active chapters of the Collegiate Middle Level Association and the Ohio Middle Level Association



Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Sharon Subreenduth, a professor in the School of Teaching and Learning, also serves as co-director of BGSU's International Democratic Education Institute. Over the last five years, she has received several grants through the U.S. Department of State that brought international educators from all over the world to BGSU for professional development workshops. She has used these opportunities to engage BGSU students and provide global perspectives.

In addition to teaching in the middle childhood education program at BGSU, Dr. Subreenduth devotes much of her time studying societal issues that affect education in the U.S. and abroad. She has presented workshops on diversity in education for educators both locally and abroad in places such as India, South Africa and Poland.

What Our Graduates Are Saying
 "BG's middle childhood education program **prepared me to be a great teacher**. The professors pushed us to our limits, making sure that BG graduates would be the teachers people talked about because they were **dedicated and passionate about education.**"
 -Jaimie Davidson '11, Seventh-grade math teacher

For more information
Middle Childhood Education
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MAJOR MAP

MIDDLE CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – Bachelor of Science in Education

CLASS OPTIONS	Freshman What Does It Mean to Be a Teacher? Review program requirements on your check sheet and take introductory ed courses (EDTL 2010, EDTL 2502/2503/2504/2505 and EDTL 2300). Aim for a 2.8 GPA or higher.	Sophomore Who Are My Students? Review program requirements on your check sheet. Enroll in EDTL 2020 and EDFI 2980 and EDFI 2990. Aim for a 3.0 GPA or higher.	Junior How Do I Teach So All Students Can Learn? Ensure you complete content coursework. 3.0 cumulative and 2.8 concentration-area GPAs or higher required by the end of this year.	Senior Who Am I as a Teacher? A 3.0 cumulative and 2.8 major GPA or higher is required to enroll in your “Professional Year” of methods block and student teaching.
GOOD ADVICE	Meet with your first-year advisor in Education 102 and/ or your faculty mentor to make sure you’re meeting program requirements.	Talk with your advisor and faculty mentor about applying for admission to the Middle Childhood Education major.	 Meet with your faculty mentor to discuss extra-curricular experiences that will prepare you for teaching. Complete your application for student teaching.	Work closely with your faculty mentor, program coordinator and the Field Experience Office to complete licensure and graduation requirements.
RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	Make the most of the 60 hours of field experience you’ll have in your first year to decide whether middle level teaching is the right option for you. 	Engage in the required 75 hours of field experience and learn about your future students’ cognitive, social and cultural development.	Take an active role in your 75 hours of field experience. Develop your skills in planning, implementing and assessing lesson plans.	Demonstrate your knowledge, skills and professional dispositions during a full-time teaching “internship.”
USEFUL CONNECTIONS	Consider being part of the ECCO Learning Community. Join the Association for Middle Level Education to make connections to other students in your field.	Participate in one of the many content-specific opportunities to learn from your peers about mathematics, language arts, science and social studies.	Consider showing your leadership potential by running for an office in one of our student organizations. Attend a professional conference, if possible.	Share curriculum resources and develop a strong professional network with other students in your program. Attend a professional conference, if possible.
GLOBAL VIEWS	Talk to your academic advisor or faculty mentor about the numerous study abroad programs offered through the College of Education and Human Development and the Education Abroad and International Partnerships Program.	Think about spending a semester studying at Keele University in England. 	Consider applying for an international or out-of-state experience such as student teaching in Rio de Janeiro. Gain valuable experience by participating in a short-term trip to destinations such as Poland or New Zealand.	Visit the BGSU Career Center at www.bgsu.edu/career-center and consider enrolling in the Falcon Internship Guarantee Program. Explore in-demand careers, career pathways, and occupations using www.OhioMeansJobs.com .
CAREER PREP	Look for opportunities to work with young people by serving as a coach, camp counselor or volunteer at a school or community agency. Explore the Falcon Internship Guarantee through the BGSU Career Center and attend the community and service fair in the fall.	Start studying for your Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE) exams. Resources are available at www.pearsonvue.com/oae .	Complete methods request forms in January and take OAE subject-area exams in spring. Prepare for your methods placement interview with your cooperating teacher.	 Complete all of the program and licensure requirements and participate in BGSU’s Teacher Job Fair.