Middle Childhood Generalist Endorsement
(Optional)

The Ohio Board of Education has approved the Middle Childhood Generalist Endorsement. This endorsement permits middle childhood teachers to add one – two subject areas (any combination) to an existing Middle Childhood license, thus enabling them to teach these additional subjects in grades 4 - 6 only. Candidates may obtain this endorsement from any institution, such as BGSU, that has an approved generalist program.

Endorsement coursework, by state mandate, must consist of a minimum of six hours of content courses in the relevant academic discipline(s). BGSU undergraduate/initial licensure students may take undergraduate courses toward the endorsement. Those individuals already having their license must take courses at the post-baccalaureate/graduate level. To ensure well-prepared candidates, courses must be taken in addition to any other coursework, including general education requirements, completed as part of the student’s undergraduate program (i.e., no “double-dipping”). After completing the required coursework, endorsement candidates must take and pass either the PRAXIS II Elementary Content Knowledge exam or the PRAXIS II middle childhood exam in each area of specialty.

At the undergraduate level at BGSU, endorsement courses in each content area are:

**Science (6 hrs.)**

- GEOL 1010. Earth Systems Science (3)
- PHYS 1010. Basic Physics (3)

(Note: All BGSU graduates will have previously completed Intro to Biology, and two natural science electives.)

**Mathematics (6 hrs.)**

- MATH 2160. Geometry for Middle School Teachers (3)
- MATH 4140. Algebraic Thinking and Misconceptions (3)
  (Offered Summer 2010 as MA 4000)

(Note: All BGSU graduates will have previously completed MA 2150, Number Systems for Middle Childhood, and EDTL 4020, Assessment and Evaluation.)

**Social Studies (9 hrs.)**

- GEOG 1210. World Geography: Eurasia & Africa (3)
- EDTL 3500. Teaching Ohio & the Americas: Content & Methods for the Intermediate Social Studies Classroom (3)
- EDTL 3510. Social Studies Methods for the Intermediate Grades (3)

(Note: All BGSU graduates will have previously completed six hours of social and behavioral sciences coursework as part of their BG perspectives requirements. If student has previously completed GEOG 1210, then GEOG 1220 must be taken instead.)

**Language Arts (6 hrs.)**

- EDTL 2710. Introduction to the Teaching of the Integrated Language Arts (3)
- ENG 4840. Foundations for Teaching Writing (3)

(Note: All BGSU graduates will have previously completed a 12-hour reading core: EDTL 2420, Introduction to the Teaching of Reading & Literacy for the Middle Grades; EDTL 3010, Phonics, Fluency, & Word Study; EDTL 3410, Content Literacy for Middle Childhood; and EDTL 3430, Applied Literacy Assessment for Middle Childhood.)

For licensure purposes, endorsement candidates who have successfully passed the required courses and the appropriate PRAXIS II exams should first notify the Program Coordinator and, finally, the licensure officer in BGSU’s College of Education and Human Development (455 Education).