

MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION (BSED)

Program Overview

Effective spring 2023 this program is closed to new student admission and changes of major. CSU intends to terminate the program when the currently enrolled students have completed it, but not later than spring 2025. Currently enrolled students should speak with their academic advisors to plan accordingly.

The Middle Grades Education program at Columbus State University prepares individuals to become proficient middle level educators who are responsible to the unique developmental nature and needs of young adolescents. The program provides content preparation in two teaching fields as well as a specialized knowledge base that emphasizes the philosophy, theories, research, exemplary practices and interdisciplinary focus of successful middle level programs. Pre-service teachers also participate in a variety of field experiences to develop the dispositions and performances needed to be effective teachers for young adolescents.

All educator preparation programs are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. In addition to the degree requirements, there are further requirements for teaching certification. Visit the Certification page (<https://cctl.columbusstate.edu/certification.php>) on the CSU Center for Quality Teaching and Learning (CQTL) website for detailed information about certification requirements and the certification process.

Career Opportunities

The B.S. Ed. program in Middle Grades leads to entry-level Georgia certification and qualifies students to teach in grades 4-8.