Middle Level Education (B.S.Ed.)

Guide adolescents through a critical stage of their education.

The middle grades are crucial years of education—a time when children pass through the tumultuous time of adolescence. By earning a bachelor’s degree in middle level education at the University of North Dakota, you’ll be equipped with the knowledge and skills to be an effective teacher of students in the fifth through eighth grades.

Program Snapshot

- **Program type:** Major
- **Format:** On-campus
- **Est. time to complete:** 4 years
- **Credit hours:** 125

Why Study Middle Level Education at UND?

The University of North Dakota offers the most comprehensive teacher education program in the state, and one of the few in the region. Our program graduates teachers who enter classrooms in North Dakota, Minnesota and across the nation.

The middle level program prepares teachers to meet the unique needs of the adolescent students in grades 5-8. The program draws from elementary and secondary education but focuses on developmental, curricular and philosophical considerations to provide teachers the skills needed to serve this challenging age group.

You’ll concentrate in two subjects taught at middle schools: math, science, English, social studies and health.

Our courses are designed to provide real-world classroom experiences. The middle level program has a strong clinical (field-based) component. You will have an opportunity to complete in excess of 175 hours in the classroom prior to student teaching. Your program culminates in a student teaching assignment where you’ll have responsibility for instruction and assessment.

Accreditation

All teacher education programs at the University of North Dakota are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). The Middle Level Education degree is also approved by the North Dakota Educational Standards and Licensing Board.

Application Deadlines

- **Fall:** Aug. 17
- **Spring:** Dec. 15
- **Summer:** May 1

Program Highlights

- On graduation, you’ll work with a certification officer to complete materials needed to obtain the appropriate teaching license and/or endorsement. UND offers the only middle level teacher education program in the state.
- Earn additional teaching credentials such as a double major in middle and elementary education. You may add minors and endorsements in fields such as athletic coaching, health education and literacy, English language learners and special education.
- You’ll have the opportunity to work with teachers and students in partner schools for about 800 hours.
- Enhance your experience by studying abroad with opportunities at universities in Finland, Ireland, Hungary, New Zealand, Norway and elsewhere.
- The college offers opportunities to be involved in scholarly research, including the search for grants and other funding.

Outcomes

56K  Median annual wage for middle school teachers in 2016.*
8%  Projected job growth for middle school teachers through 2026.*

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Graduates begin their teaching careers in middle school classrooms at public and private schools in North Dakota, Minnesota and across the nation. Many have been named “Teacher of the Year” in their states and districts while others have gone on to serve leadership roles.

- Graduates find there is highest demand in large cities as well as rural districts
- School districts report shortages of teachers in all content areas, especially in math, science and special education. English language learner and bilingual teachers also are needed.

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