

Middle Childhood Education

Master of Education (M.Ed.) Program Leading to Ohio Teacher Licensure Grades 4-9

The Middle Childhood M.Ed. program is offered on all five campuses of The Ohio State University. It is a sequential program of professional courses leading to initial Ohio teacher licensure in grades four through nine. The sequence may vary from campus to campus and can be completed in five quarters. Students interested in middle childhood education must choose a minimum of two of the following subject areas that they wish to teach and complete specific course work in each:

- Mathematics
- Reading & Language Arts
- Science
- Social Studies

During the M.Ed. program, students engage in a coherent series of courses in adolescent development and learning, middle school philosophy and organization, teaching methods, technology, equity and diversity, field experiences, a clinical practicum, a research and inquiry component, and a culminating project focused on critical issues in education. Most of the professional courses and fieldwork are open only to those students who have been admitted to the program.

The mission of the program is to prepare dedicated individuals who possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to construct learning environments that are engaging, responsive, and anti-oppressive. In particular, the program is committed to building relationships and improving conditions for teaching and learning in urban contexts.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
- Minimum 3.0 overall GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in all previous undergraduate course work and minimum 3.0 overall GPA in all graduate course work (may not be combined)

- Completion of a majority of the undergraduate content courses, including two areas of concentration, with a minimum 2.7 GPA in each (*include a plan for completing any remaining courses, indicating when and where you will take the courses*)
- Experiences working with children in a learning situation, particularly children whose background is different than your own.
- Official scores from the General Test of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) taken within five years of application
- TOEFL score, if required for international students (minimum score 550 paper test, 213 computer-based test, or 79 iBT TOEFL)
- Three letters of recommendation (four preferred), two from professors regarding your academic potential and at least one regarding your potential as a teacher, your experiences with children, and your potential as a teacher. Recommendations written on letterhead stationery should be attached to the Graduate School Reference Form.
- Statement of intent (2-3 pages, double-spaced) addressing all of the following issues:
 1. What contribution do you want to make as a teacher?
 2. Describe an experience you have had working with children or adolescents ages 8-14 in a teaching and learning situation
and
 3. Discuss what you learned from that experience.
 4. Discuss a current issue in education that is important to you as a future teacher.
- Resume (limit two pages for fellowship) listing your academic accomplishments, paid or volunteer experiences working with children, related extracurricular activities, and honors or awards
- Interview if required by the faculty committee

APPLICATION

- Apply by the following dates:

Columbus: November 1 for admission summer
Lima: February 1 for admission summer
Newark: November 15 for admission autumn
Mansfield: February 1 for admission autumn
Marion: May 1* for admission autumn
**This deadline is for admission Autumn Quarter 2007 only. Students applying for Autumn Quarter 2008 and after should apply by February 1.*

- Apply online at <http://www.appstatus.osu.edu> (requires online payment of application fee). You may check the status of your application online at <http://www.appstatus.osu.edu>.

Admission is campus specific. Students who wish to change to a different campus must be reconsidered with the pool of applicants for that campus.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Contact the regional campuses for specific information regarding their application procedures, which may vary from campus to campus.

Send the following materials to Graduate Admissions (see the “Application Checklist” for the appropriate address for domestic or international applicants):

- One set of official transcripts of all previous college course work (other than OSU)
- Test scores (General Test of the GRE, TOEFL if required)

For admission to the Columbus campus, send the following materials to the School of Teaching and Learning, Graduate Admissions, 227 Arps Hall, 1945 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43210-1172 (addresses for the regional campuses are listed under “Further Information” at the end of this document):

- One set of official transcripts of all previous college course work (other than OSU)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of Intent
- Plan for completing any remaining content courses
- Resume

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all documentation is submitted by the deadline.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- For information regarding **College of Education Scholarships**, visit the Web at <http://www.education.osu.edu> or contact the Office of Outreach, Engagement, and Student Support, 614-292-2581, 888-678-3382, or email: osueduc@osu.edu. Scholarship applications are available from October-February and the deadline to apply is **February 1**.
- Students who have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.6 or above and score in the 75th percentile on the GRE may be eligible for a **University Fellowship**, which will pay tuition and a stipend for four full-time quarters. Information regarding this and other fellowships is available on the Web at <http://www.gradsch.ohio-state.edu/>. To be considered for a fellowship, completed admissions applications and all required documentation must be received **prior to January 1 (November 30 for international applicants)**. To be competitive, applicants who wish to be considered for a fellowship should submit three letters of recommendation from professors regarding their academic potential, one letter regarding their potential as teachers, a list of their academic accomplishments, and a resume (limit two pages).
- For information regarding additional financial assistance for minority students, contact the Office of Equity & Diversity, 614-292-1936, or visit their Web site at <http://education.osu.edu.oed>.
- For general information, contact the Office of Financial Aid, 614-292-0300 or visit their Web site at <http://sfa.osu.edu>.
- For information regarding Teacher Loan Forgiveness, contact Direct Loan Servicing at 800-848-0979 or visit their Web site at <http://www.dl.ed.gov>.

Allow up to 4 months to process financial aid applications.

COMPETITIVE ADMISSION

The M.Ed. is a competitive program with limited spaces. **MEETING THE MINIMUM STANDARDS OR COMPLETING A PARTICULAR UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR DOES NOT GUARANTEE ADMISSION.** Applicants who have completed most or all of the content courses may be given preference for admission. The admissions committee also considers diversity in the range of

students related to gender, race/ethnicity, and life experience, particularly with children whose backgrounds are different than your own.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

To remain in good academic standing, graduate students must maintain a minimum 3.0 overall GPA.

OHIO REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVISIONAL LICENSURE

- Completion of undergraduate content courses
- Completion of the approved teacher preparation program
- Signed statement of good moral character as defined by the Ohio Board of Education: “A person shall be deemed to be of good moral character provided that said individual has not pleaded guilty to or been convicted of a felony”
- Fingerprinting and personal background check
- Passing scores on the PRAXIS II National Teacher Exams

UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATION

The majority of content courses, including a minimum of two areas of concentration (Mathematics, Reading and Language Arts, Science, and/or Social Studies), should be completed at the undergraduate level prior to beginning the M.Ed. program (see the Areas of Concentration sheet). A minimum 2.7 GPA is required in each area. The content courses are included in the Early and Middle Childhood Education pre-licensure major on the regional campuses. On the Columbus campus, students may select the Interdisciplinary Middle Childhood Education major in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences (614-292-6961), the Middle Childhood Development and Education major offered by the College of Human Ecology (614-292-6612), or choose a major and/or minor related to the subjects they plan to teach.

Any substitutions for the content courses require written approval from the School of Teaching and Learning based on faculty review of course syllabi or detailed course descriptions. Petitions for substitutions should be completed at the time of application. Students from other institutions should meet with an academic counselor in the School of Teaching and Learning to determine which content requirements have been met

and which courses need to be taken, if any, to meet Ohio licensure requirements.

REGIONAL CAMPUS CONTENTS

Students who wish to be considered for the M.Ed. program on a regional campus should contact the campus of choice to determine which courses should be completed at the undergraduate level prior to beginning the M.Ed. Such courses may include P&L 370, 600, or 609.07.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Academic counselors are available by appointment on all five campuses to answer your questions about the content, the M.Ed. program, and the admission, fellowship, or scholarship processes. To schedule an appointment on the Columbus campus, call 614-292-2332 (or call 888-678-3382 toll-free and ask to be transferred). Phone appointments, walk-ins, and group information meetings also are available. Bring a copy of your transcripts and course description to your appointment.

For information specific to each regional campus, contact the following offices:

Lima, 4240 Campus Drive, 419-995-8286
Mansfield, 1680 University Drive, 419-755-4011
Marion, 1465 Mt. Vernon Avenue, 740-389-6786
Newark, 1179 University Drive, 740-366-3321

Licensure requirements may be subject to change due to state-legislated mandates. Students are encouraged to contact the School of Teaching and Learning each year to ensure that they have the most up-to-date information.