Middle Grades Education (Grades 4-8) Ed.S. (Online)

Degree Requirements: 33 Credit Hours

Concentrations
Candidates must select one area of concentration from the areas in which they are currently certified:

- Middle Grades Language Arts
- Middle Grades Mathematics
- Middle Grades Reading
- Middle Grades Science
- Middle Grades Social Studies.

Certificate Upgrade Information: An educator who holds a level five Georgia certificate in Middle Grades Education will qualify for a level six certificate upgrade upon successful completion of all program requirements. (See catalog section on Certification).

Admission Requirements

Regular
1. Complete requirements for a Master’s degree from a regionally accredited institution.
2. Possess or be eligible for a Georgia level five certificate in Middle Grades Education or a Certificate of Eligibility for a level five Induction certificate in Middle Grades Education. Certification must be in one of the following concentration areas: Middle Grades Language Arts, Middle Grades Mathematics, Middle Grades Reading, Middle Grades Science, and Middle Grades Social Studies. Candidates who have completed all requirements for the Certificate of Eligibility for a level five induction certificate have until the end of the first semester to obtain the certificate.
3. Present a 3.25 or higher GPA on all graduate work attempted.
4. Present current official report from the verbal, quantitative and analytical writing sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) showing competitive scores. Applicants with a Georgia Southern University graduate degree showing a GPA of 3.5 or higher within the previous seven (7) years may exempt the GRE test requirement.
5. Submit a personal statement of purpose, not to exceed 200 words, that identifies the applicant’s reasons for pursuing graduate study and how admission into the program relates to the applicant’s professional aspirations.
6. Submit a completed “Disclosure and Affirmation Form” that addresses misconduct disclosure, criminal background check, the Code of Ethics for Educators, and tort liability insurance.

Provisional
Applicants may be approved for provisional admission based on the quality of the admission material presented. Provisional students must earn grades of “B” or higher in their first nine (9) credits of course work after admission and meet any other stipulations outlined by the department to be converted to regular status.

Prerequisite Coursework

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Electives
Select 9 credit hours of Electives

Total Credit Hours

33

Other Program Requirements

- Successful completion of the Ed.S. Comprehensive Exit Assessment; involves constituting a three faculty advisory committee to guide field study, and requires the completion and oral presentation of a major field-based action research paper.
- Must successfully complete assessments identified at each program transition point.
- Maintain an active account with the COE electronic data management system.
- Claim Georgia Southern University as your program provider in your My PSC Account during your first term of enrollment (see information under My PSC Account in Graduate Catalog, College of Education).

Advisement

Graduate Academic Services Center
Mrs. Lydia Cross