Middle Grades Education B.S.Ed. Professional Studies (Non-Certification Track)

Degree Requirements: 124 Credit Hours

The BSED degree with a major in Middle Grades Education-Professional Studies (Non-Certification Track) provides students who are interested in education the opportunity to take coursework with planned minors and concentrations. The degree allows for choice in several areas leading to a broad background. When accepted to the University all Middle Grades Education majors are placed in the Professional Studies, Non-Certification Track. This track does NOT lead to teacher certification. Upon meeting teacher education program admission requirements, those seeking teacher certification in Middle Grades Education will move into the BSED Middle Grades Education Certification Track.

See Core Curriculum for required courses in Area A1 through Area E.

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| Additional Requirements | 4 |

| Area F - Courses Appropriate to Major | 18 |

**Pre-Professional Block**
- EDUC 2090: PPB Practicum
- EDUC 2110: Investigating Critical and Contemporary Issues in Education
- EDUC 2120: Exploring Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Diversity in Educational Contexts
- EDUC 2130: Exploring Learning and Teaching

**Prerequisite Courses to Teaching Field**
- MATH 2008: Foundations of Numbers and Operations
- Guided Elective: Middle Grades Concentration
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**Professional Education**
- EDUF 3232: Educational Psychology: General
- EDUR 3130: Introduction to Research Methods in Education
- ITEC 5233: Foundations of Technology-Enabled Learning
- READ 4131: The Teaching of Reading
- SPED 3332: Introduction to SPED in Middle and Secondary Grades
- TCLD 4231: Cultural Diversity and ESOL/TCLD

Select one from the following:
- ENGL 5534: Literature for Adolescents
- ENGL 5535: Children’s Literature
- HLTH 3135: Topics in Coordinated School Health
- LING 3533: Introduction to Language
- MATH 3032: Foundations of Data Analysis and Geometry
- READ 3330: Content Literacy
- SOCI 4134: Sociology of Childhood

| WRIT 3220: Introduction to Professional and Technical Writing |
| WRIT 3230: Writing in the Workplace |

**Guided Electives**
- See Option 1, 2, and 3 below to determine credit hours of guided electives needed

**Major Requirements**
- Must include at least 18 credit hours of upper division courses

| Option 1 | Complete 9 credit hours of guided electives under professional education and two 15 credit hour minors (please review minors in the catalog) |
| Option 2 | Complete 3 credit hours of guided electives under professional education and two 18 credit hour concentrations from the list below |
| Option 3 | Complete 9 credit hours of guided electives under professional education, and a combination of additional approved courses, a 15 credit hour minor, or an 18 credit hour concentration from the list below |

**Approved Concentrations:**

| Total Credit Hours | 124 |

**Program Admission Criteria**
- Must meet all University Admission Requirements

**Additional Program Requirements**
- Must choose Option 1, 2, or 3
- Must identify a career path with their academic advisor

To graduate with B.S.Ed. Professional Studies Middle Grades Education/Non-Certification, a student must:
- successfully complete the program of study as outlined in the catalog;
- be in good standing with a GPA of 2.0 or higher

1 This program does NOT lead to teacher certification. Upon meeting teacher education program admission requirements, those seeking teacher certification will move into the B.S.Ed. Middle Grades Education certification track.

**Advisement**
Each student in Middle Grades Education-Professional Studies is assigned to an advisor in the College of Education Student Success Center for program planning and course scheduling. Telephone: (912) 478-0698. E-Mail: cjthomp@georgiasouthern.edu.