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## Middle School Education (5-8)

Merrimack College's School of Education offers dynamic, responsive, and focused programs that prepare and support individuals to be thoughtful, passionate, and competent teachers and educational leaders. The Middle School program is accredited by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and in concert with Merrimack College's General Education requirements, fulfills the requirements for licensure within the state of Massachusetts to teach in grades 5-8.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL (5-8) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

EDU 2110 Foundations & Principles of Education	4	EDU 4050 Special Methods for the Middle School	2
EDU 2230 Applied Adolescent Psychology	4	EDU 4220 Diff Inst for the Inclusive Classroom	2
EDU 3210 Psychology of Learning & Assessment	4	EDU 4221 Classroom Management	2
EDU 3380 Org & Curriculum of the Middle School	4	EDU 2500 Pre-Practicum	0
EDU 3420 Instructional Method & Tech for Middle & Secondary Education	4	EDU 2510 Pre-Practicum	0
EDU 4040 Reading in the Content Areas: Middle & Secondary Education	2	EDU 4901 Practicum – Middle Schools	12

#### ADVISING

All students in the School of Education have an education advisor as well as an advisor in their double major. Advisors have regular office hours, so please check with them regarding any questions you may have. Check the College's *Academic Calendar* for advising dates.

#### MTELS

Students must take and pass all relevant MTEL tests prior to student-teaching. Middle School teacher candidates will need to take the Communications & Literacy and Subject Matter tests. The School of Education offers Massachusetts Tests for Education Licensure (MTEL) preparation workshops, so check our website for times and dates.

#### PRACTICUM

All students have multiple opportunities to gain in-depth observational and practical experience in the classroom that help link theory to practice within a classroom environment designed to fit the student's area of interest. Students begin to develop their education philosophy, create a portfolio and establish meaningful professional relationships with their students, cooperating teachers and colleagues. The culminating experience for all future teachers is the semester long student-teaching (the practicum). All students should have a 3.0 cumulative average and pass the MTEls as a pre-requisite for practicum placement. See the Merrimack College Catalog or the website course descriptions for pre-practicum and practicum requirements.

#### CHOICES

If you want to be a Middle School teacher, you must choose a double major from the following list: Biology, Chemistry, English, History, Math, French or Spanish (5-12).