

# Middle Grades Education BSEd with Science Concentration

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## Overview

Offered by the the Department of Teaching and Learning, the **Bachelor of Science in Education in Middle Grades Education** prepares undergraduate students for middle level teaching (fourth to eighth grades). Middle grades teachers are increasingly sought out and in high-demand in Pennsylvania as well as across the country.

The College of Education and Human Development's program in Middle Grades Education is designed to ensure not only that there are certified teachers to fill the growing vacancies, but that our students graduate highly knowledgeable about learning and teaching as well as committed to pre/ adolescent learners from diverse ethnic, economic and geographic backgrounds. To that end, our program focuses on building deep content-specific pedagogical knowledge aligned to the breadth of academic standards and the wide-ranging developmental needs of middle grades students. To develop a strong link between learning theories and actual pedagogical practice, we also require that our students engage in early, often and strategic field/ clinical education experiences in middle grades settings.

Our program stands out as cutting-edge because we prepare undergraduate students to teach in both the upper elementary and middle grades classrooms.

Middle Grades Education students **must select one of the following concentrations**:

- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Mathematics and Language Arts
- Mathematics and Science
- Science
- Science and Language Arts
- Social Studies

In addition to becoming certified to teach all elementary subjects in 4-6th grades, all students in the **BSEd in Middle Grades Education with a Concentration in Science** will pursue certification for 7-8th grades in the area of science.

**Campus Location:** Main

**Program Code:** ED-MGRE-BSED

## GPA Requirements

In order to maintain good standing in Middle Grades Education, students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and a 2.0 grade point average in the course work in their concentration area.

## Accreditation

The program is approved as a teacher preparation program by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

## Licensure/Certification

Upon successful completion of the program requirements, candidates may apply for a Pennsylvania Instructional I Teaching Certificate. Please note, Pennsylvania requires assessment of candidates in General Knowledge, Professional Knowledge and/or Subject Area Knowledge prior to issuance of a certificate. Please refer to the PDE web site for testing requirements.

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Learn more about the Bachelor of Science in Education in Middle Grades Education.

These requirements are for students who matriculated in academic year 2024-2025. Students who matriculated prior to fall 2024 should refer to the Archives to view the requirements for their Bulletin year.

## Summary of Requirements

### University Requirements

All students are required to complete the university's General Education (GenEd) curriculum.

All students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive (WI) courses at Temple University. Writing intensive course numbers end in 96, 97 and 98.

### College Requirements

Students receive a Bachelor of Science in Education degree with a recommendation for Pennsylvania teacher certification upon the successful completion of their program requirements with a **minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or must meet the Pennsylvania Department of Education's qualifying Praxis score standards**. All students seeking to graduate with the recommendation for certification must also meet the requirements for Candidacy.

The required total minimum credit hours for the Middle Grades Education concentration in Science is 120. These credit hours are satisfied by taking courses in four categories:

1. University General Education requirements (General Education)
2. Education courses
3. Teacher Education Certification Courses (i.e. methods and student teaching)
4. Concentration courses

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
EDUC 2103	Socio-cultural Foundations of Education in the United States <sup>1</sup>	3
EDUC 2109	Adolescent Development for Educators <sup>1</sup>	3
SPED 2231	Introduction to Special Education <sup>1</sup>	3
SPED 3187	Integrated Literacy and Special Education Practicum	3
SPED 3211	Effective Instructional Strategies for Students with Disabilities	3
MGSE 3196	Teaching and Learning Literacy in the Middle Grades	3
MGSE 3404	Teaching and Learning Math in the Middle Grades	3
MGSE 3405	Teaching and Learning Science in the Middle Grades	3
TESL 3631	Principles and Practice for Teaching English Learners	3
SPED 4103	Classroom Management and Positive Behavior Support	3
MGSE 4296	Cultures, Communities, and Families	3
MGSE 4801	Senior Seminar and Performance Assessment in Grades 4-12 Education	3
MGSE 4888	Student Teaching in Grades 4-12	9

**Total Credit Hours** **45**

<sup>1</sup> These courses must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for Candidacy approval. Pre-Candidacy coursework includes a variety of courses, including a minimum of 1) two college-level math courses totaling at least six credits, 2) one college-level writing/composition course with a minimum of three credits (GenEd Analytical Reading and Writing), and 3) one literature course with a minimum of three credits: Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life, Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good, or an ENG 2000 level course, as specified; no 0700 or pre-college level courses can count toward these requirements.

### Program Requirements for Concentration in Science

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Select one of the following:		3-4
EES 1001	Introductory Geology	
PHYS 1004	Introduction to Astronomy	
BIOL 1011	General Biology I	4
BIOL 1012	General Biology II	4

CHEM 1021 & CHEM 1023	Introduction to Chemistry I and Introduction to Chemistry Laboratory I	4
CHEM 1022 & CHEM 1024	Introduction to Chemistry II and Introduction to Chemistry Laboratory II	4
EES 2001	Physical Geology	4
EES 2096	Climate Change: Oceans To Atmosphere	4
ENG 2501 or ENG 2502 or ENG 2503	Survey of British Literature <sup>1</sup> Survey of American Literature Survey of Global Literature	3
MATH 1015	Introduction to Numbers & Figures <sup>1</sup>	4
MATH 1021	College Algebra <sup>1</sup>	4
MATH 1022	Precalculus <sup>1</sup>	4
PHYS 1021	Introduction to General Physics I	4
HIST 1101 or HIST 1102	U.S. History to 1877 U.S. History since 1877	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>49-50</b>

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## Suggested Academic Plan

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#### Suggested Plan for New Students Starting in the 2024-2025 Academic Year

To best prepare students in this major for the Praxis II exams, we strongly encourage taking the suggested GenEds listed.

(Certain courses require that a student secure clearances as per the College of Education and Human Development policy; students should check the current list of courses that require clearances on the College of Education and Human Development web site.)

<b>Year 1</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>
<b>Fall</b>		
Select one of the following: <sup>1</sup>		4
BIOL 1011	General Biology I	
CHEM 1021 & CHEM 1023	Introduction to Chemistry I and Introduction to Chemistry Laboratory I	
MATH 1021	College Algebra <sup>3,4</sup>	4
ENG 0802 or ENG 0812 or ENG 0902	Analytical Reading and Writing [GW] <sup>4</sup> or Analytical Reading and Writing: ESL [GW] or Honors Analytical Reading and Writing [GW]	4
GenEd Breadth Course <sup>5</sup>		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Select one of the following: <sup>1</sup>		4
BIOL 1011	General Biology I	
CHEM 1021 & CHEM 1023	Introduction to Chemistry I and Introduction to Chemistry Laboratory I	
MATH 1022	Precalculus <sup>3,4</sup>	4
IH 0851 or IH 0951	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY] <sup>4</sup> or Honors Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY]	3
GenEd Breadth Course <sup>5</sup>		3
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<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>17</b>

**Year 2****Fall**

Select one of the following: <sup>1</sup>		4
BIOL 1012	General Biology II	
CHEM 1022 & CHEM 1024	Introduction to Chemistry II and Introduction to Chemistry Laboratory II	
EDUC 2103	Socio-cultural Foundations of Education in the United States <sup>4</sup>	3
MATH 1015	Introduction to Numbers & Figures <sup>3,4</sup>	4
IH 0852 or IH 0952	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good [GZ] <sup>4</sup> or Honors Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good [GZ]	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

**Spring**

EDUC 2109	Adolescent Development for Educators <sup>2,4</sup>	3
SPED 2231	Introduction to Special Education <sup>2,4</sup>	3
Select one of the following:		3
HIST 1101	U.S. History to 1877	
HIST 1102	U.S. History since 1877	
Select one of the following: <sup>1</sup>		4
BIOL 1012	General Biology II	
CHEM 1022 & CHEM 1024	Introduction to Chemistry II and Introduction to Chemistry Laboratory II	
Select one of the following: <sup>4</sup>		3
ENG 2501	Survey of British Literature	
ENG 2502	Survey of American Literature	
ENG 2503	Survey of Global Literature	
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

**Year 3****Fall**

PHYS 1021	Introduction to General Physics I <sup>1</sup>	4
Select one of the following: <sup>1</sup>		3-4
EES 1001	Introductory Geology	
PHYS 1004	Introduction to Astronomy	
TESL 3631	Principles and Practice for Teaching English Learners <sup>2</sup>	3
GenEd Breadth Course <sup>5</sup>		3
Elective		1-0
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

**Spring**

EES 2096	Climate Change: Oceans To Atmosphere [WI]	4
MGSE 3196	Teaching and Learning Literacy in the Middle Grades [WI]	3
MGSE 3404	Teaching and Learning Math in the Middle Grades <sup>3</sup>	3
MGSE 3405	Teaching and Learning Science in the Middle Grades	3
SPED 3187	Integrated Literacy and Special Education Practicum	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

**Year 4****Fall**

EES 2001	Physical Geology	4
MGSE 4296	Cultures, Communities, and Families [WI]	3
SPED 3211	Effective Instructional Strategies for Students with Disabilities	3
SPED 4103	Classroom Management and Positive Behavior Support	3
Elective		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

**Spring**

MGSE 4801	Senior Seminar and Performance Assessment in Grades 4-12 Education	3
MGSE 4888	Student Teaching in Grades 4-12	9
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

- <sup>1</sup> The sequence of either 1) BIOL 1011 and BIOL 1012 or 2) CHEM 1021 + CHEM 1023 and CHEM 1022 + CHEM 1024 constitutes the waiver for both of the GenEd Science and Technology (GS) courses required in the GenEd Science and Technology (GS) category if the courses are completed with a C- or better. Students must successfully complete all requirements in one sequence or the other. Completion of PHYS 1004 with a C- or better constitutes a waiver for one (1) of the two courses required in the GenEd Science and Technology (GS) category. Completion of PHYS 1021 with a C- or better constitutes a waiver for one (1) of the two courses required in the GenEd Science and Technology (GS) category. Completion of EES 1001 with a C- or better constitutes a waiver for one (1) of the two courses required in the GenEd Science and Technology (GS) category.
- <sup>2</sup> Completion of 1) SPED 2231, 2) EDUC 2109 and 3) TESL 3631 constitutes the waiver for the GenEd Human Behavior (GB) category if the courses are completed with a C- or better.
- <sup>3</sup> Completion of 1) MATH 1015, 2) MATH 1021, 3) MATH 1022, and 4) MGSE 3404 constitutes a waiver for the GenEd Quantitative Literacy (GQ) category if the courses are completed with a C- or better.
- <sup>4</sup> These courses must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for Candidacy approval. Pre-Candidacy coursework includes a variety of courses, including a minimum of 1) two college-level math courses totaling at least six credits, 2) one college-level writing/composition course with a minimum of three credits (GenEd Analytical Reading and Writing), and 3) one literature course with a minimum of three credits: Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life, Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good, or an ENG 2000 level course, as specified; no 0700 or pre-college level courses can count toward these requirements.
- <sup>5</sup> Suggested GenEd courses: Global/World Society (GG) = ANTH 0867 or GUS 0867; Race & Diversity (GD) = AAAS 0829, ANTH 0829, GUS 0829, HIST 0829, POLS 0829, SOC 0829 or SOC 0929; U.S. Society (GU) = AMST 0848 or HIST 0848.