The Middle Childhood Education degree provides students with the training and licensure needed to teach children in grades 4-9. Through the structure and content of the program, students will develop the knowledge, skills, and disposition needed to become effective leaders and advocates for social justice in the field of education. Highly qualified faculty and staff work closely with each individual pre-service teacher as he or she progresses through an intense program of study.

Specially designed field experience courses allow students to get first-hand experience and practice in middle school classrooms.

Upon completion of the program, students are encouraged to obtain initial licensure to teach grades 4–9 in two specific areas of concentration. Areas of concentration for Middle Childhood Education include: language arts, mathematics, social studies and science.

“I was able to have some awesome and exciting experiences at Ohio State Mansfield, including tutoring high school students and instructing at a summer math camp. These activities opened so many doors for me and provided me with wonderful memories that I will never forget. Being so involved with the university has helped me achieve my dreams of becoming a teacher at the high school where I graduated.”

Kelly Scott ’15
Mansfield Senior High
Employment Outlook

Employment of middle school teachers is projected to grow 12 percent from 2012 to 2022, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Growth is projected due to expected increases in enrollment combined with declines in student–teacher ratios. The median annual wage for middle school teachers was $53,430 in May 2012.

Admissions requirements

Upon admission to the university, students interested in the middle childhood program can enroll in the middle childhood pre-major program where they will enjoy the benefits of attentive advising in order to prepare them for application to the licensure program once a significant amount of the General Education and pre-major courses have been completed. Students must earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 to be considered for the major program as well as a 2.75 in two areas of concentration (Mathematics, Language Arts, Social Studies, or Science).

Internships and co-curricular opportunities

Ohio State offers many opportunities for students to learn and grow outside of the university setting. The experiences in the field begin with classroom observation and progress to the student teaching internship during the senior year where the pre-service teacher facilitates all classroom events for a prescribed number of weeks.

Students may also elect to participate in education-focused study abroad opportunities. Mansfield students have traveled to South Africa and Haiti to learn first-hand how children of other countries are educated. Students have been encouraged to present at both national and international conferences with guidance from an active and globally-involved faculty.

Research opportunities

Ohio State Mansfield students have the opportunity to become research assistants or pursue their own research project at Ohio State Mansfield. Education majors can work with professors on research areas such as students’ perceptions and attitudes toward science and scientists and critical analysis of children’s and young adult literature, especially with a focus on multicultural and immigrant populations. Outstanding projects are recognized at the prestigious Denman Undergraduate Research Forum each spring in Columbus.

For more information:

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