

Middle Level Education

at Coastal Carolina University

What does a middle level education major study?

The middle grades education program prepares graduates to meet the educational requirements for South Carolina teacher licensure in grades 5-8. The program enables candidates to become knowledgeable about the developmental characteristics of young adolescents, the range of individual differences of young adolescents, and the implications that adolescent growth and development may have on teaching and learning. Candidates are trained to demonstrate skill in creating, designing, and implementing curriculum and instructional activities. In addition to the core requirements in education, middle grades education majors will complete the coursework for specialization in two of the following core areas: English/language arts, social studies, math or science.

Why study middle level education at Coastal Carolina University?

- The Spadoni College is nationally accredited by NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) as well as the South Carolina Board of Education.
- Horry County is the third largest school district in the state of South Carolina.
- Students receiving a degree from Coastal Carolina University and South Carolina licensure can teach in all 50 states.
- The middle grades education program includes extensive clinical experiences in area schools, beginning in the first semester of study in education and continuing through the internship experience at the end of the program. Clinical field work begins with a focus on guided observation experiences, followed by expectations for individual, small group and whole-class instruction.
- Coastal Carolina University offers two student organizations for education majors: the Education Club and the national education honor society, Kappa Delta Pi.

How are students admitted to the program?

Candidates may complete a formal application for admission to the professional program in teacher education (PPTE) when they have completed at least 60 hours of college level coursework and have met the following requirements:

- Earn at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA;
- Earn a “C” or better in ENGL 101, ENGL 102 or 211, EDUC 111, and EDUC 204 (PE majors must also pass EDPE 131 and early childhood education majors must pass EDUC 276);
- Earn passing scores on all three areas of Praxis I or meet the exemption policy;
- Successfully clear a criminal background check; and
- Complete a Professional Behavior and Dispositions Self-Evaluation.

Candidates are reviewed for acceptance by the Portal I Faculty Committee.

What kind of courses do middle level education majors take?

EDMG 334	Adolescent Growth and Development
EDMG 325	Classroom Organization and Management in Middle Grades
EDMG 445	Instructional Theory and Practice - Middle School
EDMG 441	Middle School Curriculum and Organization
EDMG 417	Reading in the Middle School
EDMG 492	Materials and Methods of Teaching Mathematics in the Middle Schools

Whom can I contact for more information?

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- You can also obtain more information at www.coastal.edu/education.

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