MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

√ Major
√ Grades 5-8

Description of the Major:

Middle Level Education is a program of study that leads to initial South Carolina teacher licensure in grades 5-8 in two content areas. This program includes 1) a set of foundation courses that provide the framework for teaching adolescents in the 21st century; 2) a set of pedagogy courses that focus on the art and science of teaching young adolescent learners; and 3) content area concentration courses that focus on specific content area knowledge which are defined according to two chosen content areas. Students must choose two content area concentrations from the following: math, science, social studies or English/language arts. Since many of these courses have prerequisites and/or are limited to specific semesters and times, students should take the time to carefully plan with their assigned education major advisor. Some students may also choose to participate in optional content area minors which can lead to their preparation for add-on certifications.

The Student Experience:

- The Spadoni College of Education is nationally accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the South Carolina Board of Education.
- The Middle Level Education program is nationally accredited by the Association of Middle Level Education (AMLE).
- Students who earn a degree from CCU and South Carolina licensure are eligible for reciprocal licensure in every other state.
- The 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 experience begins with focused guided observational experiences, followed by expectations for individual, small group and whole-class instruction.
- CCU offers two student organizations for education majors: The South Carolina Education Association Club (SCEA) and the national education honor society, Kappa Delta Pi (KDP).

Admission to the Program:

All students enter the program as pre-majors. 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 and/or ENGL 211, EDUC 111 and EDUC 204;
- Pass all three areas of Praxis I or meet the exemption policy;
- Successfully clear a criminal background check;
- Complete a Professional Behavior and Dispositions Self-Evaluation (submitted in LiveText).

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