

Extension of Early Elementary (P-5) certification to Middle Grades (5-9)

Kentucky certified teachers in Early Elementary Education (grades P-5) may extend certification to Middle Grades Education (grades 5-9) through this program. A minimum 2.75 degree grade point average and a current Kentucky teaching license in Early Elementary Education are required for admission. Teachers apply as graduate, non-degree seeking students.

The program requires specific, undergraduate courses in one of the four Middle Grades content areas with a minimum 2.50 content grade point average. Please review the links below for a listing of the content courses required:

English/Language Arts (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/m-language>)

Mathematics (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/m-math>)

Science (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/m-science>)

Social Studies (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/m-social-studies>)

In addition to the content course requirements, the following Education courses are required:

EDTP/EDAP 541, Middle Level Learner (3 credit hours)

OR Three years middle grades teaching experience

EDAP 511 or EDTP 620, Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum (3 credit hours)

EDTP/EDAP 6XX, Middle Grades Content Methods (3 credit hours)

EDTP/EDAP 6XX, Practicum in Middle School (1-3 credit hours)

Upon successful completion of the required course work and field experiences, candidates must submit a passing score for the appropriate Middle Grades content PRAXIS exam as required by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/ky>. Please note that the Middle Grades PLT is not required if the candidate has passed either the elementary or secondary PLT PRAXIS exam.