

ACADEMIC PLANNING SHEET

EDUCATION: MIDDLE SCHOOL ENDORSEMENT

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Semester Requirement:

24 semester hours, minimum

Course Requirements:

EDUC 3011/5011 Middle School and Adolescent Development (3 sh)

A study of the physical, intellectual, emotional, and social development of the young adolescent. Examination of development issues that impact the middle school, its philosophy, and its practices responsive to the adolescent, both cognitively and affectively.

EDUC 5311 Middle School Methods and Materials in Grades 5-9 (3 sh)

Emphasis on the middle school classroom and its structure (curriculum and instruction) of the young adolescent. Examination of curriculum development, teaching and instructional strategies, support of students as changing young people, parent and community development, service learning, advisor-advisee programs, block scheduling, learning communities, homework and assessment, exploratories, teaming, reading and writing across the curriculum, and other current middle school issues that impact curriculum and instruction for the 10 to 15 year old. Pedagogy is based on middle school philosophy, curriculum, instruction, and instructional models for designing and teaching developmentally appropriate programs including content area reading instruction. EDUC 5311 is for graduate students at large and graduate students in our program getting certified to teach at the Elementary (K-9) level. If you are a Type 10 (K-12) or Secondary certificate, you will have a different middle school methods and materials course as part of your sequence.

These two courses listed above are IN ADDITION to the State of Illinois semester hour requirement in your subject area which is typically 18 semester hours for the middle school grades. The Illinois State Board of Education is currently revising many of their policies and the above requirements are subject to change. Please verify with our North Park certification officers as to the current status of the programs. The 3000 level courses are for undergraduate credit and the 5000 level courses are for graduate credit.

Students seeking additional endorsements should consult a School of Education advisor or if you are already a certified teacher, please consult the Illinois State Board of Education. Additional courses and credit hours for courses may be required.

The Academic Planning Sheet is designed as a guide for students planning their course selections. The information on this page provides only a suggested schedule. Actual course selections should be made with the advice and consent of an academic advisor. While accurately portraying the information contained in the university catalog, this form is not considered a legal substitute for that document. Students should become familiar with the catalog in effect at the time in which they entered the institution.