

(Non-Degree) Planned Sixth-Year (Rank I) Middle Grades Education

Reference # 158

Notes:

- **This program leads to a rank change in Kentucky, but it may not be recognized by other states.**
- **Enrollment in this program may not provide eligibility for a federal student loan. A student for whom this is a problem should contact his or her advisor, the Director of the School of Teacher Education (Dr. Powers), or the CEBS Associate Dean for Academic Programs (Dr. Poe) for information on other options.**

Program Components:

The total number of hours required for the Planned Sixth-Year/Rank I program in Middle Grades Education depends on the previous program completed by the student. An applicant for the Rank I classification must complete a minimum of 30 hours of approved graduate courses in addition to the requirements for the Rank II classification, or, for those with an approved master's degree, a total of 60 hours of approved graduate courses.

Required Professional Education Courses - 9 hours

Professional Development Component - 3 hours

^EDU 601 Advanced Professional Development Plan (1 hour)

#EDU 698 Seminar: Advanced Portfolio Project (2 hours)

Advanced Curriculum Component - 3 hours

ELED 603 Seminar in Elementary Curriculum (3 hours)

Advanced Strategies Component - 3 hours

EDU 604 Management of the Learning Environment (3 hours)

^Students should enroll in EDU 601 within the first 7 hours of the program.

#Students should enroll in EDU 698 after completing at least 24 hours in the program.

Related Professional Education Courses - 9 hours

*EXED 516 Exceptional Child: Perspectives and Issues (3 hours)

Advisor-approved courses selected from related professional education courses – 6 hours

**An approved elective may be substituted if the student's undergraduate transcript shows completion of an introductory exceptional education course.*

Content/Related Courses - 12 hours

Advisor-approved courses

Additional Information:

- All course work must be planned in consultation with the advisor and must be related to the professional needs of the student.
- A minimum of 15 semester hours must be completed in courses numbered 500 or higher.
- A “B” average must be maintained, and no course grade lower than a “C” may be counted.
- At least 15 of the required hours must be completed at WKU. With the approval of the advisor and the certification officer, the remaining hours may be taken at other institutions, provided that the grades earned are “B” or higher and other transfer regulations are met.
- A minimum of 24 hours of the total 60 (62 hours when based on completion of a Planned Fifth-Year/Rank II program) must be in academic work apart from professional education. These hours must be in the candidate’s major, minor, or area of preparation, or in supporting courses from other disciplines as approved by the institution.
- Courses used to satisfy program requirements in programs leading to professional education certification should be no more than 10 years old at the time that the certification program is written. Decisions about whether older courses may be used will be made on a case-by-case basis by the department head of the student’s major. Students may be required to demonstrate proficiency related to current course content if they wish to satisfy program requirements using courses taken more than 10 years prior to when the student’s program of studies is written.
- All requirements for graduate certification-only, endorsement, Planned Fifth-Year, and Planned Sixth-Year programs must be completed within 10 years from the date when the program was written. Students may request an extension, which must be approved by the Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences on recommendation of the department head.