



**MIDDLE GRADES ADD-ON  
PROGRAM OF STUDY  
Grades 6-8 Endorsement in Content Subjects**

Graduate/Undergraduate	Name	E#	E-mail

Candidates seeking a middle grades add-on from ETSU can choose to enroll as a non-degree seeking Graduate student or a non-degree seeking Undergraduate student. If you want the courses to apply to a graduate degree you should enroll as a Graduate student through the [School of Graduate Studies](#). If you do not want these classes to apply to any graduate program or serve to help you earn graduate credit to advance your pay, you can enroll as a non-degree seeking Undergraduate student through [Undergraduate Admissions](#). Enrolling as an Undergraduate student can save you money but again won't advance your degree. If you are currently enrolled as an undergraduate student, please contact Dr. LaShay Wood ([jenningsjl@etsu.edu](mailto:jenningsjl@etsu.edu)) for advisement. If you are currently enrolled as a graduate student, please contact both your graduate program advisor and Dr. LaShay Wood for advisement.

The Middle Grades endorsement is an add-on endorsement. This means that you are not eligible to be licensed to teach a middle grades content unless you currently hold a teaching license. If you are currently seeking a teaching license, this endorsement cannot be added until you meet the requirements for an initial license. This does not prevent you from taking the courses that lead to this endorsement prior to having an initial license.

Candidates must complete specific program courses listed below and pass the Praxis exams associated with their area(s) of middle grades content. ALL Praxis exams must be completed and submitted to Tennessee Department of Education by the testing company. Please note that Praxis test reports must have the examinee's social security number printed on them to be acceptable for licensure. See Important Information on the Praxis Tennessee web pages: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/tn>. When you hold a teaching license, pass program course work, and successfully pass all Praxis requirements, candidates should contact the ETSU Certification Coordinator in the Office of Educator Preparation ([edprep@mail.etsu.edu](mailto:edprep@mail.etsu.edu)) for submission of the college's recommendation for endorsement. You will also need to complete a [Declaration of Intent](#) to Add-on an endorsement.

Courses are not offered every semester. Please check with your financial aid counselor to determine if these courses are covered by financial aid for the term(s) you seek to enroll. The following courses are required:

COURSES	TERM	GRADE
CUAI 5450 Middle School Curriculum & Assessment (3 cr.) <b>OR</b> CUIAI 4957 Special Topics Mid School Curriculum & Assessment (3 cr)		
READ 4557/5557 Adolescent Literacy: Assessment and Instruction (3 cr.) (for those seeking English endorsement) <b>OR</b> READ 4657/5657 Disciplinary Literacy: Assessing and Instructing Adolescents (3 cr.) (for those seeking Math, Science, or Social Studies endorsement)		
Candidates must also choose at least one from the courses listed below		
READ 5453 Advanced Middle Grades English/Lang Arts (2 cr.) <b>OR</b> READ 4957 Sp Top in Reading Ed – Advanced Middle Grades ELA (2 cr.)		
SCED 5454 Middle Grades Science (2 cr.) <b>OR</b> SCED-4957 Sp Top In Sci Ed – Middle Grades Science (2 cr.)		
CUAI 5454 Middle Grades Mathematics (2 cr.) <b>OR</b> CUIAI-4957 Top In Cur & Ins Middle Grades Math (2 cr.)		
CUAI 5455 Middle Grades Social Studies (2 cr.) <b>OR</b> CUIAI 4957 Top In Cur & Ins Middle Grades Soc Std (2 cr.)		

## ADMISSION PROCESS

Those interested in seeking their Middle Grades Add-On endorsement must follow the steps listed below:

1. If you wish to apply as a **Graduate student** use this [link](#) to start the graduate application process. The non-degree seeking application is at the very bottom of the list. You select that you are taking classes for “personal enrichment.” If you wish to apply as an **Undergraduate student** use this [link](#) to start the undergraduate application process. You will also choose that you are taking classes for “personal enrichment.” If you are currently enrolled, please contact Dr. LaShay Wood ([jenningsjl@etsu.edu](mailto:jenningsjl@etsu.edu)).

2. Order official transcripts from every school attended and send those to ETSU.

School of Graduate Studies  
Box 70720  
Johnson City, TN 37614

Office of Undergraduate Admissions ETSU  
Box 70731  
Johnson City, TN 37614

3. Once admitted, please contact Dr. LaShay Wood, [jenningsjl@etsu.edu](mailto:jenningsjl@etsu.edu) for advisement.

4. After you have been admitted and advised by Dr. Wood, contact the Certification Coordinator, Clemmer College of Education, Box 70685, Johnson City TN 37614 or Email: [edprep@mail.etsu.edu](mailto:edprep@mail.etsu.edu)) to inform the Office of Educator Preparation of you intent to pursue middle grades licensure. The Office of Educator Preparation is located in Room 305 Warf-Pickel Bldg. The Certification Coordinator will collect your Declaration of Intent to Pursue Additional Teaching Endorsements and will certify your program of study once it is complete.

5. Complete the [Declaration of Intent to Pursue Additional Teaching Endorsements](#). Any substitution requests in add-on programs require a completed [Course Substitution Form](#), which must be routed through the Certification Coordinator.

6. Teacher education students who are pursuing initial teaching license and wish to add credits toward an add-on endorsement may do so. Please be advised: An add-on program does not necessarily meet the requirements of a minor, and substitutions or approvals made for teaching add-ons do not take the place of catalog requirements or departmental advisement for degree purposes.

7. Courses counted toward an add-on must have a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) or equivalent unless otherwise stated in this program sheet.

8. Add-ons will not be verified unless all requirements for initial Tennessee teaching license are met.

9. Praxis Subject Area tests are required for add-ons. Go to <https://www.ets.org/praxis/tn> for current Praxis information for Tennessee. You should use the scroll down option to indicate that you are looking for what Tennessee requires. When registering for the tests, be sure to **designate East Tennessee State University, Recipient Code 1198, and Tennessee Dept. of Education, Recipient Code 8190**, to receive a copy of your score report. Also, note that Tennessee requires a Social Security number to process educator certification paperwork.

10. When courses and Praxis tests are complete, please contact the Certification Coordinator ([edprep@mail.etsu.edu](mailto:edprep@mail.etsu.edu)) to have the college recommendation for endorsement submitted to your account on TNCompass.