

Middle Grades Education (6-9)
Graduate Certificate in Teaching
English/Language Arts

Required courses

MDSK 6162: Planning for K-12 Teaching (3)
READ 5255: Integrating Reading and Writing in the Content Areas (3)
EDUC 5100: Diverse Learners (3)
MDLG 5130: The Middle Grades Experience (3)
ENGL 5254: Teaching English/Communications Skills to Middle and Secondary School Learners

Final course

MDSK 6161: Analysis of K-12 Teaching (3)

This final course is a full time internship requiring employment as a teacher in your field of licensure in an approved middle school or a non-paid placement with a licensed teacher in a public middle school. It requires application and approval during the semester prior to the internship.

Additional requirements for licensure

Technology portfolio

Passing scores on Praxis II exams if you have fewer than 24 hours in English/Language Arts

Other specific background courses in your content discipline, if applicable – See below

Applying for the teaching license

Application for NC Standard Professional I license to be filed in TEAL Office, with all appropriate forms regarding completion of coursework, technology portfolio, and internship

Looking ahead

You may wish to apply to the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Middle Grades Education at the completion of the Graduate Certificate program: <http://www.uncc.edu/gradmiss/index.asp> . All your coursework for the Graduate Certificate will be applied toward the requirements for that degree. Completion of the master's degree leads to the advanced "M" teaching license and a 10% pay raise.

Middle Grades Language Arts (6-9) Background Requirements 6 key courses

Candidates should have at least a bachelor’s degree with a major or equivalent (24 hours) in English and courses in the competency areas below. Candidates with a major in English may satisfy any background deficiencies through graduate courses or undergraduate courses in English. Candidates with degrees in other fields will build to the equivalent of an English major with undergraduate coursework. The GPA for background requirements must be at least a 2.5, and no courses may be presented for licensure with grades lower than a C.

Competency Area	Course requirements and UNC Charlotte examples There must be at least one course in each cell unless otherwise noted	Candidate’s courses	Grades	Plan for satisfying deficiencies
Writing	<i>Any ENGL writing course at 2000 level or above, e.g., ENGL 2100, 2126, 2127, 2128, 3200, 4204, 4205</i>			
Grammar or Linguistics	<i>An ENGL course focused on grammar, e.g., ENGL 3132: Contemporary American English ENGL 4161: Modern English Grammar</i> OR <i>An ENGL linguistics or language structure course, e.g., ENGL 4166: Comparative Lang. Studies for Tchrs. ENGL 4263: Linguistics and Language Learning</i>			
Adolescent Literature	<i>An ENGL course focused on adolescent literature, e.g., ENGL 3104: Literature for Adolescents</i> OR <i>A variety of literature courses which included the study of literature appropriate for young adolescents</i>			
Survey Literature	Three literature survey courses at the 2000 level or above, one structural overview course, one in American literature, and one in British literature. One of the literature courses must have multicultural or minority content and one must focus on the study of poetry, fiction, or drama. <u>Required</u> ENGL 3100: Approaches to Literature <u>American Literature Recommendations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multicultural: ENGL 3156, 4104, 4145-4148 • Poetry/Fiction/Drama: ENGL 3141, 4103, 4150, 4151 <u>British Literature Recommendations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multicultural: ENGL 2301, 4124 • Poetry/Fiction/Drama: ENGL 2103, 2105, 2108, 3114, 3128, 4102, 4123 			

Note: Some deficiency courses may have prerequisites – check course descriptions in the online catalog.

The remaining credits to meet the 24-hour expectation:

- ENGL 5254
- ENGL _____