MIDDLE CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (4-9) SOCIAL STUDIES AND SCIENCE INITIAL LICENSURE PREPARATION - NON-DEGREE

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About This Program
The Middle Childhood Education program that prepares future educators to teach social studies and science for grades 4-9. This program provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to create engaging, inclusive and effective classroom environments for diverse student populations.

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Program Delivery
• Delivery:
  • In person
• Location:
  • Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*
Education teachers, postsecondary
• 4.8% about as fast as the average
• 77,300 number of jobs
• $65,440 potential earnings

Middle school teachers, except special and career/technical education
• 3.6% about as fast as the average
• 627,100 number of jobs
• $60,810 potential earnings

Secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education
• 3.8% about as fast as the average
• 1,050,800 number of jobs
• $62,870 potential earnings

Admission Requirements
• Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university
• Official transcript(s)
• Minimum 2.750 overall GPA on a 4.000-scale
• Goal statement
• Two letters of recommendation
• Questions in Anticipation of Licensure form
• Interview (to be conducted prior to full acceptance into the program)
Applicants already licensed as a teacher in Ohio, at any level, cannot apply to this program.
Applicants are assessed holistically, considering academic credentials, academic or professional references, nonacademic dimensions and other specific program criteria.

Application Deadlines
• Fall Semester
  • Priority deadline: June 15
• Spring Semester
  • Priority deadline: October 1
• Summer Term
  • Priority deadline: February 15
Applications submitted by this deadline will receive the strongest consideration for admission.

Program Requirements
Licensure Requirements

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* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.
Completers of this non-degree program will be able to:

**Program Learning Outcomes**

1. Describe the Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession.
2. Describe the Ohio Standards for Professional Development.
3. Describe the Ohio School Operating Standards.
4. Describe the Ohio Value Added Progress Dimension(s).
5. Demonstrate knowledge and skills consistent with the standards of the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE).

6. Demonstrate knowledge and skills identified in the initial standards of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

**Residence Requirement Policy for Non-Degree Teacher Education Licensure/Endorsement Preparation Programs**

- Non-degree licensure (initial and additional) and endorsement programs that are a total of 15 credits or above: Students must complete 60% of the coursework at Kent State University, including the course that addresses the CAEP A.1.1 Standard as designated by the program area.
- Non-degree licensure (initial and additional) and endorsement programs that are less than 15 total credits: Students must complete 100% of the coursework at Kent State University.
- Students are permitted 6 years to complete licensure programs and 4 years to complete endorsement programs at Kent State University.
- Coursework transferred from another university cannot be more than 6 years old at the time the licensure/endorsement program is completed.
- Students who do not meet the residence requirements will not be recommended for licensure by Kent State University.

**Full Description**

The Middle Childhood Education (4-9) Social Studies and Science Initial Licensure Preparation non-degree program prepares students to obtain the Ohio Middle Childhood 4-9 teacher license in social studies and science. Completion of the prescribed coursework is a prerequisite to being recommended by Kent State University for licensure, and licenses are granted by the Ohio Department of Education.

The program includes intensive pedagogy courses that prepare students to understand the unique social, physical, cognitive and emotional needs of the young adolescent; these courses are taken as a cohort. Student teaching occurs during the final semester of the program.

This program does not culminate in a master’s degree. Students interested in a master’s degree at Kent State must be fully admitted into and complete requirements for the master’s program, in addition to courses that are prescribed here for licensure.

**Professional Licensure Disclosure**

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.