

# M.A.Ed. in MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION

## Fact Sheet

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 100% online programming totaling 30 credit hours
- Our Capstone Project places an emphasis on action research that enables candidates to take their research back into their classrooms.
- Candidates gain the knowledge and skills that empower them to view themselves as teacher-leaders and teacher-researchers.

### COURSEWORK

- Core coursework (12 credit hours) focusing on Assessment, Diversity, Leadership, and Research
- Language Arts/Literacy concentration coursework (12 Credit Hours) prepares candidates to serve as lead teachers and be recognized as literacy specialists at the school and district levels.
- Action Research Capstone course work (6 Credit Hours) focused on research planning, design, implementation, and reporting.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[stl.wcu.edu](http://stl.wcu.edu) or [graduate.wcu.edu](http://graduate.wcu.edu)

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### FAST FACTS

- Total Credits Required: 30
- Program leads to recommendation for Master's level licensure in Language Arts for Grades 6-9
- The M.A.Ed. features completion in as little as two years and intentional alignment to the National Board Teaching Standards and the North Carolina Professional Teaching Standards
- In addition to the Graduate School Admission requirements, applicants must submit:
  - A letter of intent describing reasons for pursuing a masters' degree in education, professional goals as a participant in the program, and possible research interests.
  - Three recommendations from former instructors or employers who can judge the applicant's aptitude for graduate study.
- Applicants must hold a North Carolina Class A teaching license, or a comparable license from another state.

### ACCREDITATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

- College of Education and Allied Professions
  - National Distinguished Program in Teacher Education Award Recipient
  - National Christa McAuliffe Award for Excellence in Teacher Education
- School of Teaching and Learning
  - SACS (Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools)
  - National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)/Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)

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## Overall requirements:

30 credit hours (**completely online**)

Required Core	Goals	Credit hours
EDCI 609: Assessment of Instruction	Assessment	3
<b>Choose one of the following:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SPED 620: Education in a Diverse Society</li> <li>SPED 640: Universal Design for Learning</li> </ul>	Diversity	3
EDCI 616: Advanced Studies in Teacher Leadership	Leadership	3
EDRS 602: Methods of Research	Research	3

## Required ELMG Capstone Courses (6 credit hours):

ELMG 609: Classroom Research Design for Elementary and Middle Grades Education

ELMG 697: Research Seminar in Elementary and Middle Grades Education

## Required Literacy Courses (12 credit hours):

**Required:** EDMG 620: Middle Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment

**Choose three of the following:**

- ELMG 655: Content Area Reading in the Subject Areas
- ELMG 668: Instructional Design & Technology Literacy
- EDRD 631: Intensive Study of Writing
- EDRD 640: Reading Diagnosis and Instruction



**Course rotation:** Courses are not required to be taken at this pace, but this rotation assures 2 year completion.

	Fall Even (e.g. Fall 2016, 2018)	Spring Odd (e.g. Spring 2017, 2019)	Summer Odd (e.g. Summer 2017, 2019)
<b>Core</b>	Research Core (EDRS 602 Methods of Research)	Assessment Core (EDCI 609: Assessment of Instruction)	Leadership Core (EDCI 616: Advanced Studies in Teacher Leadership)  Diversity Core (SPED 640: Universal Design for Learning or SPED 620)
<b>Literacy (choose 3)</b>	ELMG 668: Instructional Design & Technology Literacy	EDRD 640: Reading Diagnosis and Instruction	ELMG 655: Content Area Reading in the Subject Areas  EDRD 631: Intensive Study of Writing
	Fall Odd (e.g. Fall 2017, 2019)	Spring Even (e.g. Spring 2018, 2020)	Summer Even (e.g. Summer 2018, 2020)
<b>Middle Curriculum</b>		EDMG 620: Middle Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment	
<b>Capstone</b>	ELMG 609: Classroom Research Design for Elementary and Middle Grades Education	ELMG 697: Research Seminar in Elementary and Middle Grades Education	