Middle School Extension Programs

Brief Program Description

Teachers who are certified to teach adolescent or childhood education may expand their career opportunities and respond to the most current middle school needs by earning our new Middle School Extension Advanced Certificate.

- Extension of adolescent education certification to middle school grades five and six is granted after successfully completing EDU 7106 and 7107. Certification is for the same content area as students earned originally.
- Extension of childhood education certification to middle school grades seven through nine is granted after successfully completing EDU 7106/7107. Students must also complete 30 credit hours with a C or better in one content area and pass the New York State Content Specialty Test (CST) in the same subject area.

Benefits

You will be eligible to teach a wider range of grades and will gain knowledge of current best practices related to middle-level education. These practices prepare you to create teaching and learning experiences based on the unique characteristics of middle-school children.

Career Possibilities

Secondary school teachers are qualified for a broad range of positions. Teachers with flexibility are especially appealing to principals who are starting new small middle schools and schools with a 6–12 model. Since there are currently as many as 856 middle schools in New York State, the employment opportunities for teachers possessing middle school certification expand exponentially.

What Makes Our Program Unique?

Our courses work in tandem. EDU 7106 gives you an appreciation for the full range of young adolescents’ social, emotional, and academic needs. EDU 7107 helps you learn how to organize classroom learning experiences to best meet your students’ unique needs.