

# Middle Grades Education, BAE

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Prepare to teach learners in grades 5-9. Develop your teacher preparation skills and partake in extensive professional experiences, leading to teacher certification and readiness to support the unique needs of adolescents.

## Program description

The BAE program in middle grades education prepares students for certification in teaching grades 5-9 in the state of Arizona. Students learn the essential knowledge and skills they need to become highly impactful middle-grades teachers, and they learn to plan and implement evidence-based practices that support the unique needs of adolescents. In addition to general education and foundational courses, students select one content area of focus: middle grades English language arts, middle grades general science, middle grades mathematics or middle grades social studies.

The middle grades education coursework emphasizes developmentally responsive curriculum, instruction and assessment practices that are grounded in research, empower teachers and students, and prioritize equity. Extensive professional experiences are built into this program to prepare students to enter the teaching profession after graduation. Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College has developed a distinctive approach to teacher-preparation, which includes student participation in internships and residencies while receiving guidance and support from faculty members and highly qualified certified teachers. Students complete internships prior to a full-time teaching residency. Professional experiences are designed to prepare graduates to work with mutually supportive colleagues to address the academic and social-emotional needs of learners.


Graduates earn an institutional recommendation from ASU for Arizona teacher certification in Middle Grades Education, and an endorsement in Structured English Immersion, PreK-12, from the Arizona Department of Education. In order to teach in an Arizona public school, graduates must pass the appropriate Arizona educator exams: National Evaluation Series or Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments.

### GI Bill® benefits

This new program is not yet approved for use with GI Bill® benefits.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 117 - College Algebra  
or MAT 142 College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** Moderate 

## Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

## Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

## Admission requirements

### General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

## Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

## Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

## Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

## Global opportunities

### Global experience

Future educators must learn to create inclusive and inspiring learning environments, and they can do this by expanding their horizons through [Global Education programs](#).

Students can learn how schooling works in countries that are leaders in education, and they can conduct comparative research, make a difference in a community by volunteering at schools, and engage in local educational programs through service-learning opportunities.

## Career opportunities

Graduates of Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College are highly sought-out teachers in public, charter and private education institutions. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions. Career examples include:

- instructional coach
- instructional specialist
- middle grades English language arts teacher
- middle grades math teacher
- middle grades science teacher
- middle grades social studies teacher

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

<b><u>Instructional Specialist</u></b>	2.5%	\$66,490
<b><u>Middle School Teacher</u></b>	0.8%	\$61,810
<b><u>Technology Education Teacher, Middle School</u></b>		\$62,630

\* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O\*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).



## Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

To be eligible for a middle grades education credential in Arizona, students must meet all requirements specified by the Arizona Department of Education, including passing the appropriate Arizona educator subject knowledge exam, as well as the professional knowledge exam offered through the National Evaluation Series or Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments. Individuals who have previously earned a bachelor's or master's degree in the content area may be eligible to waive the subject knowledge exam and should contact [MLFTCCompliance@asu.edu](mailto:MLFTCCompliance@asu.edu) to learn more.

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