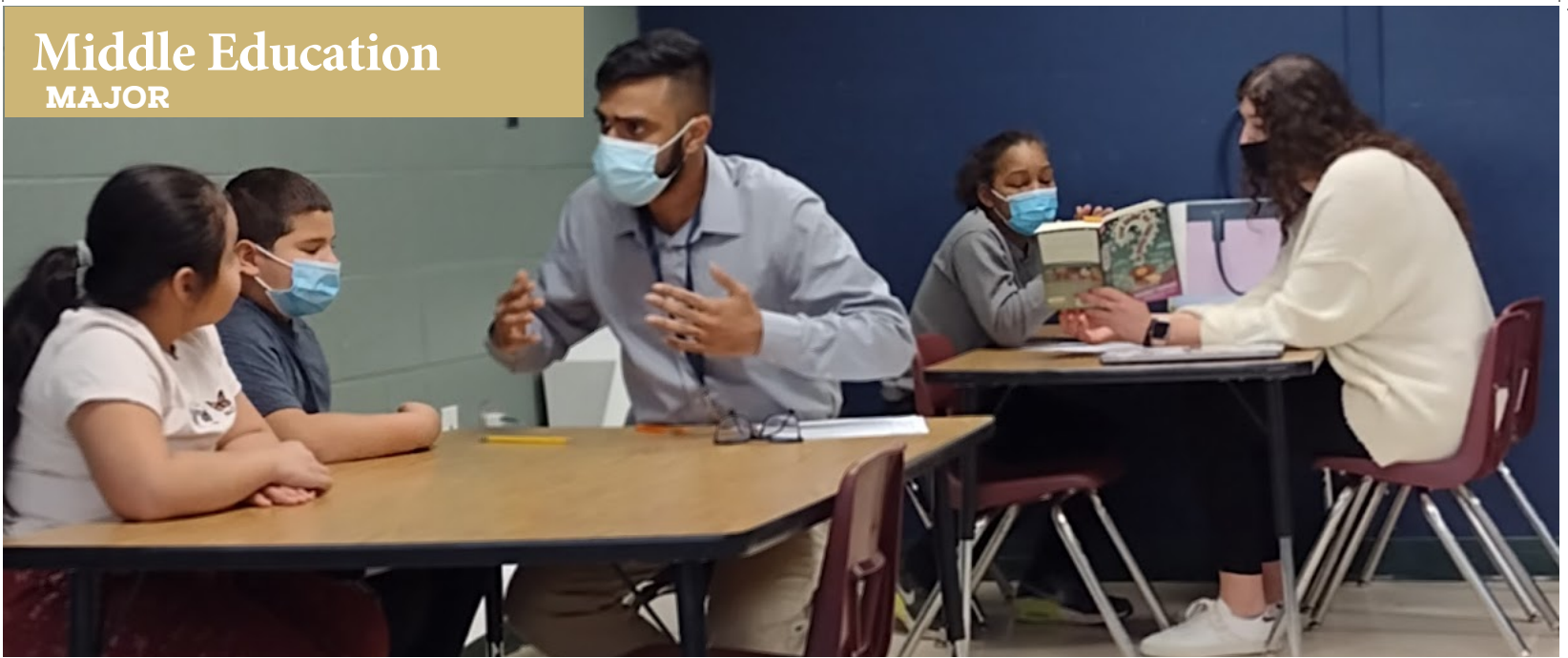


Middle Education MAJOR



Program Highlights

- Educators will receive **hands-on** and **practical learning experiences**.
- Developing teachers will learn from **nationally recognized faculty** who consistently deliver **real, formative support**.
- Candidates will experience **fieldwork hours** in diverse **school settings** in addition to **student teaching**.
- Classrooms will implement **cutting-edge best practices** for classroom instruction. They will learn to **design** and **deliver** curricula that effectively **impact student learning**.
- Students will find opportunities to value **diversity** of and **collaborate** with **colleagues, parents, and students**.
- Program participants will value **lifelong learning**, engage in **professional development**, and conduct **educational research** in order to become **reflective practitioners** who continually evaluate their instruction.



"Do not be afraid to communicate with your professors. Not only are we here to push you, but we are also here to encourage you both during and after your journey at JMU!"

- Dr. Leonard Richards, Professor and JMU Alum

Field Experience

All teacher candidates can expect rich experiences in diverse settings to support their success in working with all students. Candidates are placed in multiple classrooms and educational settings throughout their professional education program that reflect the demographics of our communities and beyond. All placements are designed based on characteristics that reflect diversity, including socio-economic status, rural/urban settings, and culturally and linguistically diverse schools. Every attempt is made to provide opportunities for each candidate to experience a broad spectrum of experiences.

Practicum experiences take place with our local school partners:

- Augusta County Public Schools
- Harrisonburg City Public Schools
- Page County Public Schools
- Rockingham County Public Schools
- Shenandoah County Public Schools
- Staunton City Public Schools
- Waynesboro City Public Schools

Student teaching placements may be available with school partners across Virginia, including Northern Virginia, Richmond, and Tidewater regions.



Study Abroad Opportunities

Increase your self-confidence and discover yourself in a whole new way while gaining meaningful insights and valuable perspectives. You will build new friendships and increase your ability to interact effectively with people of other nationalities. The benefits of study abroad programs are as endless as the opportunities James Madison University offers.

Students can travel abroad for semester-long programs, short-term study away experiences, and practicum and student teaching opportunities. Some of the locations our students regularly travel to include:

■ Costa Rica

Join us for an unforgettable experience in Costa Rica where you will immerse yourself in a beautiful foreign country in order to practice applying knowledge and skills of teaching English as a foreign language to Spanish-speaking students in a bilingual English-Spanish school.

■ Ireland and Northern Ireland

Each student will be placed in a public school and will collaborate with host classroom teachers and students within one-on-one, small group, and/or large group settings.

■ Kenya

The immersive experiences will be focused on educational justice through girls' education at Nasaruni Schools—primary and secondary, a campus of about 150 Maasai girls who overcome barriers to their education.

Major Overview

Middle Grades Educators walk alongside adolescents during some of the most formative years of their lives. They are eager to connect with their students and help them develop socially and emotionally in grades 6 through 8, collaborating with fellow teachers to create meaningful and integrated learning experiences for their students.

Because the middle grades education field is so student-focused, our educational courses give our students a firm foundation from which to understand their students and to develop relational skills and learning strategies that will positively impact their students for years to come.



For more information go to: <https://www.jmu.edu/coe/msme/middle-ed/index.shtml>

■ **JMU Programs are Accredited** by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). JMU has been awarded the Frank Murray Leadership Recognition for Continuous Improvement by CAEP.

■ Upon completing the education program, **candidates are eligible for licensure**, and the Education Support Center will help guide students through the application process.

■ **Multiple graduate programs** are available for students seeking an advanced degree to expand their knowledge and skills in the classroom, school, community, and beyond.

■ **NASDTEC Interstate Agreement** allows JMU students to obtain licensure in almost all of the U.S. states and territories.