



DEPARTMENT *of*
CURRICULUM *and* INSTRUCTION

Claudius G. Clemmer College of Education

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

**MIDDLE GRADES ADD-ON
PROGRAM OF STUDY
Grades 6-8 Endorsement in Content Subjects**

Candidates seeking a middle grades add-on from ETSU must enroll as a special, non-degree seeking student unless enrolling in a master's program in conjunction with this add-on. The non-degree seeking application process is on-line through the School of Graduate Studies (<https://www.etsu.edu/gradstud/applynow.php>).

Candidates must complete specific program courses listed below as well as pass the Praxis exams associated with their area(s) of middle grades content. ALL Praxis exams must be completed and submitted to Tennessee Department of Education by the testing company. Please note that Praxis test reports must have the examinee's social security number printed on them to be acceptable for licensure. See Important Information on the Praxis Tennessee web pages: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/tn>. When program and Praxis are complete, candidates should contact Ms. Angela Murray (murrayp@etsu.edu) for submission of the college recommendation for endorsement.

The following courses are required:

- CUI 5450 Middle School Curriculum & Assessment (3 cr.)
- READ 5437 Reading in Middle/Sec School (3 cr.)
- CUI 5458 Middle Grades Clinical Field II – 30 clock hours (1 cr.) – This course may be waived if the candidate can provide a letter prepared by the school district administration which demonstrates 1 academic year of work in a middle grades setting.

Candidates must also choose from the courses listed below:

- CUI 5454 Middle Grades Mathematics (2 cr.) **AND** SCED 5454 Middle Grades Science (2 cr.)
- CUI 5454 Middle Grades Mathematics (2 cr.) **AND** READ 5453 Advanced Middle Grades English/Lang Arts (2 cr.)
- CUI 5454 Middle Grades Mathematics (2 cr.) **AND** CUI 5455 Middle Grades Social Studies (2 cr.)
- SCED 5454 Middle Grades Science (2 cr.) **AND** READ 5453 Advanced Middle Grades English/Lang Arts (2 cr.)
- SCED 5454 Middle Grades Science (2 cr.) **AND** CUI 5455 Middle Grades Social Studies (2 cr.)

ADMISSION PROCESS

Those interested in seeking their Middle Grades Add-On endorsement must follow the steps listed below:

1. Apply to ETSU Graduate Studies as a Non-Degree Applicant. Use this [link](#) to start the application process.
2. Order transcripts from every school attended and send those to the address below:

School of Graduate Studies
Box 70720
Johnson City, TN 37614
or Fax to (423) 439-5624
3. Once admitted, please contact Dr. Karin Keith, keithkj@etsu.edu for advisement.
4. After you have been admitted and advised by Dr. Keith, contact Angela Murray, Certification Officer, Clemmer College of Education, Box 70685, Johnson City TN 37614 or Telephone (423) 439-7562 or Email: murrayp@etsu.edu Office located in Room 321 Warf-Pickel Bldg. Ms. Murray will collect your Declaration of Intent to Pursue Additional Teaching Endorsements and will certify your program of study once it is complete.
5. Complete the [Declaration of Intent to Pursue Additional Teaching Endorsements](#). Any substitution requests in add-on programs require a completed [Course Substitution Form](#), which must be routed through the certification officer, Ms. Angela Murray.
6. Teacher education students who are pursuing initial teaching license and wish to add credits toward an add-on endorsement may do so. Please be advised: An add-on program does not necessarily meet the requirements of a minor, and substitutions or approvals made for teaching add-ons do not take the place of catalog requirements or departmental advisement for degree purposes.
7. Courses counted toward an add-on must have a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) or equivalent unless otherwise stated in this program sheet.
8. Add-ons will not be verified unless all requirements for initial Tennessee teaching license are met.
9. Praxis II Subject Area tests are required for add-ons. Go to <https://www.ets.org/praxis/tn> for current Praxis II information for Tennessee. When registering for the tests, be sure to **designate East Tennessee State University, Recipient Code 1198, and Tennessee Dept. of Education, Recipient Code 8190**, to receive a copy of your score report. Also, note that Tennessee requires a Social Security number to process educator certification paperwork.
10. When courses and Praxis tests are complete, please contact Ms. Murray murrayp@etsu.edu to have the college recommendation for endorsement submitted to your account on TNCompass.