

**Adding MIDDLE LEVEL Certification in
English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science or Social Studies
for Secondary Education M.T. and M.A.T. Candidates at the
University of South Carolina-Columbia**

Below are the current state Board of Education regulations (R 43-62) for adding on South Carolina Middle Level Certification (South Carolina Educator Certification Manual at <http://www.myschools.com/agency/se/Educator-Certification-Recruitment-and-Preparation/Certification/documents/teachercertificationmanual.pdf>).

Upon earning initial certification through the M.T. or M.A.T. programs, University of South Carolina-Columbia (USC) graduates can apply to add-on Middle Level Certification by presenting documentation that the requirements have been met. The policies and procedures for adding on certification are under the direct authority of the South Carolina Department of Education and completely outside the authority of the University of South Carolina.

The courses listed in the table below have been determined to meet the Specialized Preparation Requirement:

Requirement	USC Course
<i>Middle Level Curriculum and Organization</i>	EDTE 321, EDTE 522, EDTE J621, or EDEL 720
<i>Early Adolescent Growth and Development and Learning Communities</i>	EDPY 707, EDPY 401, or EDPY 705
<i>Teaching Reading and Writing in the Content Area</i>	EDTE 470, EDRD 518, EDRD 600, or EDRD 730 or 730S

R 43-62 REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDING CERTIFICATION IN MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Individuals who desire to add areas of certification to an existing certificate must complete a State Board of Education approved program and present a passing score on the appropriate content-area examination in the specific subject field, or complete the following add-on certification requirements specified by the Board.
- B. In the event that the State Board of Education should eliminate, revise or adopt new certification areas, currently certified individuals who are affected may retain the areas of certification for which they previously qualified. However, the State Board of Education may require previously certified individuals to upgrade their certification by completing the new requirements within a specified period of time.
- C. The following designations apply to the grade spans for teacher certification in South Carolina, effective September 1, 2005.

CERTIFICATION GRADE SPANS

- early childhood = pre-Kindergarten–grade 3
- elementary = grades 2–6
- middle level = grades 5–8
- secondary = grades 9–12

The areas of art, music, physical education, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), foreign languages, theater, and exceptional children education (all categories) have a pre-Kindergarten (pre-K)–12 grade span.

- D. Instructional areas may not be added to certificates in guidance, media specialist, or school psychologist unless the applicant has completed a teacher education program designed and approved for initial certification purposes.
- E. Certification is divided into four sections: regular program, exceptional children education, career and technology education, and other types of specialized certification.

II. MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

- A. Bachelor’s degree
- B. Initial, or professional certificate at the early childhood, elementary, secondary, or pre-K–12 level
- C. Minimum qualifying score(s) on the content-area examination(s) required by the State Board of Education (required Praxis II exams for middle level OR secondary)
- D. Coursework

<u>Specialized preparation</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>
Middle Level Curriculum and Organization	3
Early Adolescent Growth and Development and Learning Communities	3
Teaching Reading and Writing in the Content Area	3
<u>Content preparation</u> (for secondary teachers adding the same content field)	0
(for early childhood, elementary, or middle-level teachers)	15*

*All coursework must be in the particular middle-level field to be added (language arts, social studies, mathematics, or science), and, in the fields of social studies and science, at least three subject areas must be represented within the content field.