Why Study Middle School Education?

Teachers are leaders, role models and mentors. By becoming a teacher you can make a positive difference by helping young people maximize their potential. You will use your intellect and communication skills to connect with students. You will have the ability to make every day in your classroom different and unique. Students will challenge you to use your creativity to help them form positive outlooks on the world and you will make a difference in each of their lives.

Students who wish to teach in the middle school setting receive a certification in one of four areas for grades 4 through 8.

- Grades 4-8 English/Language Arts/Reading
- Grades 4-8 Math/Science
- Grades 4-8 Math with Coaching minor
- Grades 4-8 Science with Coaching minor

Why Study Education at Texas Tech?

The College of Education at Texas Tech offers a home for students wanting to touch the lives of others through the gift of knowledge. The College of Education at Texas Tech University is changing the way our future educators influence tomorrow’s leaders with our innovative undergraduate and graduate programs. Working directly with school district partners statewide, community agencies and other institutions of higher education, we prepare our graduates for the unique professional demands of the 21st century.

Points of pride for the CoE:
- Largest collection of children’s literature in the southwest (>6,000 books)
- Accredited by 9 accrediting agencies
- 97% teacher certification pass rate

A Wealth of Opportunities Await

- Undergraduate Research
  The Center for Active Learning and Undergraduate Engagement (CALUE) is committed to supporting and increasing undergraduate participation in active learning at Texas Tech University. The Center serves as the centralized location for undergraduate students, faculty, staff, and community organizations interested in participating in the following active learning programs: Service Learning, Undergraduate Research, Professional Internship, and Study Abroad.

- Study Abroad
  From culinary classes in Florence to Range and Wildlife Management in Australia, from language study at the Texas Tech Center in Sevilla to Engineering in Czech Republic, Texas Tech has programs in more than 70 countries in which TTU students can participate.

  For more information about upcoming study abroad information, visit the website: https://ttu-sa.terradotta.com/

- Graduate Education
  The College of Education offers degrees in various fields of education. Students can choose from Masters degrees in Counselor Education, Educational and Instructional Technology, Educational Leadership, Educational Psychology, Special Education, and more! Certificate programs for professional certification to be licensed and/or practice at an advanced level are also available.

- TechTeach
  TechTeach is the Texas Tech College of Education’s teacher education program. One of its goals is aimed at setting Tech graduates apart from graduates prepared in other teacher education programs. We want to create measurably the best teachers in the state of Texas and across the nation. This new program will not only help our students become the best teachers but will also benefit those whom they teach.

- Scholarship
  The College of Education has endowments that fund approximately 60 scholarships for both graduate and undergraduate students. Scholarships awarded rose from 64 in 2005 to 548 in 2010 for an increase of 62.8%. The amount of scholarship money given to students increased 732.2% in 2010.

- Student Organizations
  As a part of the Texas Tech community, students have the opportunity to join more than 450 registered student organizations. These organizations allow students to get to know their fellow students and faculty outside the classroom, and become involved with the campus and community. For more information and organizations that fit your interest, visit the website: https://www.ttu.edu/campus-life/student-life/student-organizations.php

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Texas Common Course Number System (TCCNS)

The Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) aids students in the transfer of general academic courses between Texas public colleges and universities throughout the state. Course recommendations in this transfer guide are expressed in TCCNS designations.

Applying Transfer Hours to a Four-year Degree

- The Transfer Evaluation Office in the Office of the Registrar at Texas Tech determines which courses taken at another institution may be accepted for credit.

- A maximum of 66 semester credit hours from two-year institutions may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree at four-year institutions. Although, all credit hours presented on the sending institution's transcripts will be evaluated and equivalent college level courses posted to the student's academic record.

- The academic associate dean of the Texas Tech college in which a student enrolls has authority for determining which courses will be applied toward the specific degree program chosen.

- Students must earn a grade of C or better for all courses fulfilling requirements in majors, minors, or specialization's.

For more information on transfer course equivalencies, access the Texas Tech Transfer Equivalency Guidebooks: https://www.depts.ttu.edu/registrar/private/transfer/

Steps to Apply:

- **Admission Requirements**
  Application from applytexas.org

  $60 application fee or fee waiver (student must provide information supporting fee waiver; for more specifics on what qualifies for waiver, visit the admissions site here: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/index.php/application-fee/)

  Official college transcripts from ALL previous colleges attended*

  *Student must submit an official high school and ACT/SAT scores if you have completed less than 12 transferrable hours

  Transcripts may be sent by mail to:
  Undergraduate Admissions
  Box 45005
  Lubbock TX 79409

  Electronic transcripts may be sent directly to TTU Admissions via document exchange from the sending institution (contact institution for more details)

Transfer Admissions Counselors:

- **Zach Fisher**—West Texas Transfer Admissions Counselor.
  Office Location: Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall
  Lubbock, TX
  Phone: 806.834.2104
  Email: zach.fisher@ttu.edu

- **Maryellen Baeza**—Manager of Transfer Recruitment
  Office Location: Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall
  Lubbock, TX
  Phone: 806.742.1480
  Email: Maryellen.baeza@ttu.edu

Assured Admissions:

If you present the required combination of transferable hours and GPA (as described below), you will meet assured admissions. GPA is cumulative for all transferable coursework from all schools attended. Courses taken for grade replacement are used for GPA calculation only if the same course is repeated at the same institution where it was originally taken.

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**Admission Review**

If you do not meet assured admission requirements but have at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA, an admissions committee will evaluate your potential based on other criteria:

- **Academics**—Types of courses taken and pattern of progress, as well as coursework taken leading toward a major
- **Student-submitted essay**—Explanation of the decision to transfer to Texas Tech, reasons for past academic performance and plans to ensure future academic success
- **Extracurricular activities/employment information**—Leadership and work experience, special talents or awards, or any other information relevant to the admission decision

For more information, visit the admissions website: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/