



The University of Vermont

Middle Level Education

What Our Graduates Say...



"I would say prospective students coming into this program at UVM should be ready for a lot of in the field experience from almost the moment you start. But it's not overwhelming. You're prepared very well to do it, and it's a very supportive atmosphere."

— Gage Sironi '19

"UVM changed my trajectory as a person because I got the opportunity to work with a lot of people who really cared about humanity. I love UVM."

— Shawna Wells '04



"Living and studying in Burlington gave me opportunities to work alongside students of refugee parents from countries such as the Congo, Sudan and Somalia. Those experiences broadened my worldview and fueled my desire to teach in urban, high-needs areas."

— Rebekah Cory '16



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Middle Level Education at UVM

B.S.Ed. for Teaching Licensure, Grades 5-9

Immerse yourself in the excitement and wonder of the middle school teaching profession. If you've spent time with kids this age, you know that they can be energetic, curious and funny.

Our award-winning program prepares you to create engaging curriculum and learning environments that are responsive to the needs of young adolescents. Formerly middle school teachers themselves, our teaching faculty have earned national awards for innovative work in middle level education. We invite you to join us!

"The program is so focused on equitable teaching, individualized learning, and social-emotional learning. It strikes a really good balance. We have a proficiency-based system in Vermont, and a progressive mindset about education. We're preparing students to be proficient citizens, not just to ace tests."

— Camilla Thomassen-Tai ('20)



Our Unique Teaching Approach

Drawing on our distinctive Vermont context, our proficiency-based program is built around core themes that are central to our curriculum:

- **Experiential learning** in middle school classrooms beginning in your first year
- **Place-based, problem-based, and project-based learning**
- **Social justice and sustainability education** to engage young adolescents in democratic citizenship
- Best practices addressing the **nature and needs of young adolescents**
- **Interdisciplinary teaching approaches** that promote **student voice** in their learning
- **Personalized, proficiency-based curriculum** designed to support your learning and growth

Become a Part of the Middle Level Education Community

Enjoy ongoing support and mentoring from award-winning middle level education faculty and through our cohort model. We make it easy for you to develop enduring connections with classmates, faculty, and mentor teachers.

We are deeply committed to your success as a future middle school teacher, and strive to connect you with our vibrant local and national middle school community. Opportunities for learning abound with the Tarrant Institute for Innovative Education, the Middle Grades Collaborative, and the chance to attend regional and national conferences.

Explore the World

Study abroad for a semester in beautiful New Zealand, including an internship in an intermediate school and courses at Auckland University of Technology. You can also explore opportunities in England, Finland, France, Portugal, Hawaii, and a world of other possibilities.



High Job Placement Rate & Multiple Licensure Options

UVM's nationally accredited teacher education programs enjoy reciprocity agreements with other states and provinces,

so you'll be prepared to teach almost anywhere. Our graduates are in great demand and enjoy a high job placement rate in schools throughout Vermont and across the country.

Choose two of the four following areas of concentration: English, Math, Social Studies and Science. Many minors are available including Special Education, Education for Cultural and Linguistic Diversity, Human Development and Family Science, Coaching, and more. You can also earn a Place-Based Education Certificate. Choose the pathways that inspire you, and start your personalized journey!

