Overview

Teaching in the Middle School examines the guiding principles and best teaching practices for educating middle school students. The course explores the history of the middle school, the philosophy, theory, and rationale behind middle school organization; and the differences between elementary, middle, and secondary schools. The course also examines the unique needs of middle school students and teaching methods used to meet the needs of these learners. This course has no prerequisites.

Competencies

History and Philosophy of Middle Schools
The graduate examines the evolution of school structures, theory, and educational philosophy to understand how the middle school environment is different from the elementary, junior high, and high school environments.

The Middle School Setting
The graduate evaluates various models of middle school organization to determine how each meets the developmental needs of early adolescents.

Best Practices for Middle Schools
The graduate analyzes supportive age-appropriate best teaching practices that move middle school students toward independence and prepare them to be successful lifelong learners.

Learning

Getting Started
Welcome to Teaching in the Middle School! In this course you will learn about the principles that guided the foundation of middle schools and best practices for educating middle school students. This course is delivered in the WGU module-based learning platform, which incorporates readings and a variety of interactive learning components. For the best experience, we recommend completing the modules in order. Your competency will be demonstrated by successful completion of an objective assessment.

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Course Instructor Responsibility

How to Work with Course Instructors