**Classrooms to Careers in**

**Middle School or High School Education**

**Are you interested in**: majoring in Mathematics, Biology or Chemistry, English, or History or Political Science, and then teaching students in middle school or high school?

Becoming a teacher at Meredith College is a win-win process: you choose and study in a major *and* you take courses in a teacher licensure program. So consider your interests first: Do you want to teach Mathematics? Science? Social studies? Or English? Declare your major in the subject you want to teach. Next think about the students: Do you want to teach middle school or high school students? Once you decide, you can also declare your interest in that teacher education program—licensure in your major subject area for either grades 6-9 or grades 9-12 or both. Specifically, you could declare interest in Mathematics 6-9 or 9-12 or both, in Science 6-9 or 9-12 or both, in Social Studies 6-9 or 9-12 or both, or in English 6-9 or 9-12 or both. Your professional education courses will prepare you to teach—including planning and assessing learning activities. You will learn to understand your students and to design instruction for all students. You can begin taking required licensure courses as a sophomore. After taking one Education course, you can apply to the teacher education program.

**Types of jobs:**

Math (6-9) , science (6-9), social studies (6-9), or English (6-9) teacher for middle schools students in public, private, or charter schools ;

Math (9-12), science (9-12), social studies (9-12), or English (9-12) teacher for high school students in public, private, and charter schools

**Or attend graduate school for**:

* Mathematics or mathematics education,
* history or history education,
* a science or science education,
* English or English education,
* reading specialist,
* special education,
* academically and intellectually gifted education,
* English as a second language,
* curriculum and instruction specialist,
* school administration (with teaching experience), research and evaluation

**Options for the program**

* Earn a BA or BS majoring in the subject you want to teach. Choose your passion and develop a deep understanding of that discipline.
* Join Meredith Educators. This group organizes speakers and sponsors special activities for students interested in teaching.
* During your first year at Meredith, take the critical thinking seminar called “Education Under Fire!” as an elective. This will give you an opportunity to debate important issues in education and to visit schools.
* Attend, in March, the information session for first year students who are interested in teaching. During your sophomore year, attend the Orientation to Teacher Education.
* Participate in school-based field placements. In all of your required Education courses, you will have a placement in a school. You will tutor students, observe teachers, and have the opportunity, as you are ready, to teach.
* Teach in a public school during the semester-long student teaching internship.
* Aim for Kappa Delta Pi, the education honor society.

**Professional Associations –**

National Association of Teachers of Mathematics

National Council of Teachers of English

National Science Teachers Association

National Council for the Social Studies

Council for Exceptional Children

National Association for Gifted Children

Teachers of Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

National Association of Secondary School Principals

North Carolina Association of Educators

Professional Educators of North Carolina

Kappa Delta Pi

**Career Outlook –**

Middle School Teacher, http://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/middle-school-teachers.htm

High School Teacher, http://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/high-school-teachers.htm

**Optional Information –**

The faculty and staff in the Department of Education work closely with public school teachers and administrators. This helps us design programs to prepare you for real classrooms. We see you as a future teacher-leader!