

Central Michigan University
Michigan Middle Level Endorsement-Undergraduate
Grades 5-9

Central Michigan University's Middle Level Education program at the undergraduate level is based on the Association for Middle Level Education's Middle Level Teacher Preparation Standards and approved by the Michigan Department of Education for the Middle Level Endorsement for Michigan Elementary or Secondary Teaching Certificates.

Since this program/standards require field experiences at the undergraduate level, these are guidelines that our CMU undergraduate students must meet. In order to get 10 weeks of student teaching in a 5th through 9th grade situation, of which 8 weeks must be spent in a middle level school in a teaming configuration, we have defined below the configurations for the undergraduate student teaching placement that will meet these standards.

Student Teaching Placement Guidelines

Elementary Certification Candidates

- One sixteen-week placement in a middle level school in a teaming configuration

OR

- One eight-week placement in a middle level school in teaming configuration and one eight-week placement in grade 5-6 in an elementary school (usually self-contained)

Secondary Certification Candidates

- One sixteen-week placement in a middle level school in a teaming configuration (grades 7 and/or 8)

OR

- One eight-week placement in a middle level school in a teaming configuration and one eight-week placement in grade 9 in a high school subject area

A definition of “teaming”

A group of two to five teachers who have the same students and have a common planning time. The preference would be that the team has a common team planning time in addition to individual planning time.