Why Middle Grades?

UNCG Middle Grades graduates are:

- Very marketable (strong hiring record)
- Highly qualified in chosen content areas
- Able to minor in 2nd concentration
- Experienced candidates, with extensive, practical field experiences
- Entering a high-demand teaching area for North Carolina (especially in math, science, and TESOL)
- Well prepared to work with diverse students and schools

“Word On the Street”

“I got the entire range of experiences that a first-year teacher would need through UNCG.”
- Alumna, National Board Certified Teacher

“UNCG gave me faith in my ability to teach.”
- Recent UNCG Graduate

“Math is not about a right or wrong answer; it’s about explaining solutions and giving a lot of possible answers. The math classroom is a lively place, an engaging place.”
- Alumna, NC Regional Teacher of the Year

“Some people might see spending the day at the creek with my students as a wasted instructional day. I saw it as a way to inspire curiosity and spark passion for science.”
- Alumnus, Teacher of Promise Award Winner

“UNCG gives its students the strategies they need to meet the needs of diverse learners today.”
- Local Principal

“No two days are the same.”

“The UNCG Teacher Education Program gets you in the classroom extremely early. You spend 100 hours a semester in an actual middle school classroom.”
- Current UNCG Middle Grades student

“The Middle Grades Program is such a close-knit program; it is like a big family... The level of support is extraordinary.”
- Current UNCG Middle Grades student

“If you want to be a teacher who really gets to build relationships with students, middle school is the place.”
- Alumnus, Rookie Teacher of the Year