The major in middle childhood education is designed to provide an initial preparation for prospective middle childhood teachers, which encompasses grades 4-9. It provides a depth of experiences in specialization content areas, as well as in teaching. Because of its interdisciplinary nature, the major is housed within the College of Arts and Sciences. Middle childhood is a time of excitement and great change for the students, and teachers play a key role in helping students to learn about themselves, their own aspirations, and the world of knowledge and opportunity that awaits them. The major fulfills many of the requirements for teacher preparation and is a stepping stone to a post-graduate teacher licensure program.

Career Areas/Job Titles:

**Management and Industry**
- Subject Area Supervisor
- School Psychologist
- Guidance Counselor
- Test Preparation Specialist
- Tutor
- Education Resource Specialist
- Student Affairs Practitioner
- Non-Profit/Advocacy
- Policy Analyst
- Researcher

**Government/Politics**
- Grant Writer
- Programmer
- Community Affairs Specialist
- Strategic Planner Evaluation Specialist

**Education**
- Professor
- School Administrator

*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.

Transferable Skills:

- Basic Computer Skills
- Motivating Others
- Teaching/Instructioning Others
- Judgment & Decision Making
- Law and Government
- Conceptualizing
- Planning
- Expressing Ideas
- Defining Needs
- Mediating Conflict
- Facilitating Group Discussion
- Developing Evaluation
- Strategic Planning/Visioning
- Listening Skills
- Strategies
- Creating Innovative Solutions
- Persuasion
- Identifying Problems
- Multi-tasking
- Provide/Respond to Feedback
- Setting Goals
- Problem Solving
- Speaking Effectively
- Cultural Understanding
- Adaptability/Flexibility

*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here: http://careerconnection.osu.edu/posts/documents/transferable-and-grad-skills.doc

Professional Links:

- National Education Association: [http://www.nea.org/home/49829.htm](http://www.nea.org/home/49829.htm)
- College Mentors for Kids: [http://collegementors.org.ohio-state.edu/](http://collegementors.org.ohio-state.edu/)