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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Elementary Education Program Area
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAM AREA DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Do you feel called to teach? Do you want a career you can be passionate about and proud of, a career that suits your abilities and gives you the opportunity to make a real difference? Do you want to work with students from diverse cultures? Do you seek to have rich educational experiences that put you among the most competitive teacher candidates in the nation?

Become a student at East Carolina University, and begin preparing for a bright tomorrow as a professional in the area of elementary education.

The elementary education program at East Carolina is nationally recognized for innovation and effectiveness in preparing knowledgeable, informed, and professional teachers. As a student here, you have multiple practicum experiences during methods classes, working side by side with master classroom teachers and university supervisors. You gain valuable classroom teaching experience as you prepare lessons and teach children in local area elementary schools with the support of clinical teachers and university professors.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

The BS degree requires foundations curriculum and professional courses totaling 128 hours. The elementary education (ELEM) degree outline is very specific for foundations curriculum courses. Advisors help you tailor your individual schedule to ensure that you are completing necessary degree requirements. The elementary education Web site provides more detailed information on program requirements for the undergraduate degree in elementary education. The BS in elementary education program is offered both on campus and by distance education through Wachovia Partnership East (WPE). For additional information on WPE, visit www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/partner_east.

GRADUATE DEGREE

The elementary education MAEd 36-semester-hour program generally takes candidates two years to complete. You complete a set of core courses (12 hours) required for all MAEd students. You choose additional course work from one of four strands: content pedagogy, teacher leadership in the elementary school, early childhood, or academically gifted. Courses are offered in both face-to-face mode and in online formats, depending on the course and the semester in which courses are offered. Face-to-face courses are taught in the evenings during the fall, spring, or summers. A check sheet of required courses can be found on the elementary education Web page. Please contact Dr. Nancy Zeller for additional information on the graduate program at zellern@ecu.edu.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES

- The **assistive technology graduate certificate program** is built upon a partnership between the special education program area and the Department of Occupational Therapy. The 12-hour online certificate may be pursued as part of a master's program or independent as a nondegree graduate program.
- The **autism graduate certificate program** offers an innovative online opportunity to learn more about the unique educational needs of individuals with autism and autism spectrum disorder. The 12-hour certificate program focuses on research-based strategies and interventions in identification, instruction, and communication.

- The **academically gifted licensure program** is offered in collaboration with the elementary education program at ECU to prepare you to work with students identified as academically gifted.

LICENSURE

If you have a degree from an accredited four-year university, you are eligible to enroll in the licensure-only programs. Many classes are offered online and late in the day, enabling you to take classes at your own pace and from off-campus sites. For a complete overview of our licensure programs, please see our Web site at www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/alternative_licensure/Index.cfm.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Elementary Education Club and the SNCAE (Student Chapter of the North Carolina Association of Educators) are open to all elementary students from freshman through senior years. These clubs provide excellent opportunities for you to meet other students and network in your major in teacher education, as well as learn and participate in professional activities off campus. The EDUCATE student organization focuses on the unique needs and interests of multicultural preservice learners.

ADVISING CENTER

The College of Education Advising Center provides information and guidance to students in all program areas in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction—from orientation to graduation. For more information about the Curriculum and Instruction Advising Center, visit www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/ci/advising/Index.cfm.

JOURNAL OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction houses an exciting new peer-reviewed electronic journal that provides a forum for the dissemination of articles focused on research, practice, and related issues relevant to teaching and learning in pre-K–12 environments. Visit www.ecu.edu/educ/JoCI for more information.

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The ECU College of Education is the largest professional school for teacher education in the region. East Carolina University began as a teacher training school and has a proud heritage shared by faculty, staff, and administration. We continue to be innovative in preparing teachers for today's—and tomorrow's—classrooms. See more of the many programs and scholarships we offer at www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/.

VISIT US ONLINE

Program area Web site: www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/ci/elem/Index.cfm

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