

Wells Fargo Partnership East

General Description

Wells Fargo Partnership East (WPE) is the 2+2 **degree completion** partnership between the College of Education at East Carolina University and the community colleges of North Carolina. This degree-completion partnership includes the following College of Education Department of Curriculum and Instruction programs of study: **elementary education, middle grades education, and special education.**

The purpose of the partnership is to provide students with access to high quality degree-completion programs close to home. In turn, these community based candidates are more likely to return to their home communities to teach after graduation. The only difference between students enrolled in a WPE cohort (a group of students who follow a prescribed sequence of courses together) and students enrolled in the on-campus programs is the **mode of delivery.**

Students graduate with a four-year degree from ECU by completing the first two years of the program at any North Carolina community college followed by taking **ECU courses on-line and/or through face to face instruction in the evenings** at one of the consortia hub sites located on community college campuses. Evening instruction at the hub site occurs after 5:00 p.m. in order to accommodate the various candidates' work schedules. There is to be no synchronous whole class activity for any **virtual** consortium cohort. In addition, WPE cohort students follow a prescribed schedule of courses. Dropping courses during a semester may affect students' future participation.

Approximately 38% of the students enrolled in WPE cohorts are school system employees. This partnership also serves a number of students with other professional responsibilities. The ECU coursework is only offered part-time in order to best serve these professionals.

WPE is designed specifically for students that transition from a North Carolina community college. **The College of Education does not offer online undergraduate degree programs in ELEM, SPED or MIDG.** The only online opportunity for these undergraduate degree programs is through this 2+2 degree completion partnership with the community colleges.

WPE admission criteria include:

- * Completion or near completion of community college coursework
- * Minimum 2.5 GPA
- * Qualifying Praxis I scores or qualifying SAT/ACT scores (note: priority given to those students who have successfully met the Praxis I requirement)
- * Interview with a WPE hub site coordinator

Admission to ECU is a separate process from acceptance into a WPE cohort. The WPE application deadline is in February for new cohorts enrolling the following fall semester.

For more information about the partnership, as well as faculty resources, please use the WPE website faculty resource tab: http://www.ecu.edu/educ/partner_east/faculty-staff.cfm

Wells Fargo Partnership East Coordinators

The WPE coordinators advise cohort students, schedule classroom space at the consortia hub sites, and are a resource for instructors teaching WPE cohort students. Contact information is listed below for each of the WPE coordinators

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The following chart denotes the WPE Coordinator who serves as the advisor for the indicated WPE cohort:

WPE Coordinator	Assigned Cohort for Advising
Ms. Kathy Bradley North Central	North Central Elementary Cohorts—NE5, NE6 Virtual Special Education Cohort—VS3, VS4 Virtual Elementary Cohorts—VE3, VE4
Ms. Anne Barker Faulkenberry Coastal	Coastal Elementary Cohorts—CE7, CE8, CE9 Northeast Elementary Cohorts—EE1, EE2
Ms. Ann Smith South Central	South Central Elementary Cohorts - SE5, SE6, SE7, SE8
Ms. Karli Ruscoe Virtual & Northeast	Virtual Elementary Cohort—VE2 Virtual Special Education Cohort – VS5 Virtual Middle Grades Cohorts—VM3, VM4, VM5