Thank you for your interest in the Watson College to pursue a Teacher Licensure. We have two options. The first is a licensure only program (2 years full-time), and the second is a Master’s degree that includes teacher licensure. Many students who are eligible for the Master’s programs, find that completion of the Master’s Degree is faster (1- 1 ½ years), more flexible, and more advantageous.

**Masters Level Programs:**

**Elementary Education (K-6):** The Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) Program (Elementary Focus) is designed for students that already hold a bachelor’s degree, but have little or no background in education. Successful completion of the program will lead to a master’s degree and NC Elementary Education certification (K-6) to prepare educators to teach as elementary classroom teachers. For more information, please contact Dr. Katie Schlichting (schlichtingk@uncw.edu or 910-962-7786). Visit [http://www.uncw.edu/ed/eemls/elementary/mat.html](http://www.uncw.edu/ed/eemls/elementary/mat.html) for more information.

**Middle Grades (6-8):** The Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree in Middle Grades Education (math, science, social studies, and language arts) leads to an initial license to teach and a master’s degree at the same time. For more information on this program, contact Dr. Kathleen Roney at 910-962-7195 (roneyk@uncw.edu), or visit [http://www.uncw.edu/ed/eemls/middlegrades/grad_mat.html](http://www.uncw.edu/ed/eemls/middlegrades/grad_mat.html) for more information.

**Secondary (High School grades 9-12):** Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree in Secondary Education (math, science, social studies, English) leads to an initial license to teach and a master’s degree at the same time. Applicants should have a minimum cumulative GPA of a 3.0 from a bachelor’s degree in math, science, social studies, English or a related area. For more information, contact Dr. Ginger Rhodes at 910-962-3290 (rhodesg@uncw.edu), or visit [http://www.uncw.edu/ed/itfse/mat/requirements.html](http://www.uncw.edu/ed/itfse/mat/requirements.html). This is an intensive one year, full-time program.

Note that field work is required in many courses in the Masters programs, and is typically done during the school day within the hours of 7:30 and 3:30 PM. The final semester, or internship, is a full-time student teaching requirement from 7:30-5:00 PM five days a week.

**Non-degree Licensure Only Programs:**

We offer a number of licensure only non-degree plans of study leading to teaching certification in various subjects and age groups. The minimum entry requirement is a Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited University. With the exception of the plan for secondary education, the program can be started in the summer, fall, or spring and be completed on a part-time or full-time basis. Most classes are held in person at the main campus in Wilmington, NC. However, the Birth-Kindergarten and the Elementary Education Programs offer online and/or web enhanced options. If attending on a full-time basis, most students are able to complete licensing requirements in two full academic years. Participants take the same courses required of and with current undergraduate students.

For licensure areas covered by this program, please go to [http://www.uncw.edu/ed/degree_lic.html](http://www.uncw.edu/ed/degree_lic.html). The licensure only program is not a lateral entry program, as there is not a program leading to being hired via the lateral entry process. However, those who hold a lateral entry teaching license are eligible to participate.

Note that field work is required in many courses and must be done during the school day within the hours of 7:30 and 3:30 PM. The final semester, or internship, is a full-time requirement of student teaching that requires availability from 7:30-5:00 PM daily during the entire last semester of the program.

All fieldwork for Watson Programs are done within [PDS Partnership Schools](http://www.uncw.edu/ed/eemls/elementary/mat.html). 8/04/15