

WATSON SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON

Teacher Licensure Program in Foreign Languages
(French (K-12)/Spanish (K-12))

Program Goals

The teacher licensure program is designed to develop highly competent professionals to serve in educational leadership roles. Such teachers make consistent, defensible, and appropriate decisions to facilitate student achievement of intended learning outcomes. *The program includes the acquisition of complex teaching skills through cognitive understandings, building upon academic and pedagogical knowledge bases, followed by practice and reflection on professional development.*

Upon completion of the licensure program, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate breadth of general knowledge, as well as depth of knowledge in the selected discipline area necessary for effective instructional decision making.
2. Communicate effectively in standard English both verbally and in written formats.
3. Adapt instruction to the developmental and learning needs of individuals, including children and adolescents with special needs and students from culturally diverse backgrounds.
4. Establish a classroom climate conducive to the learning, social, and emotional needs of children and adolescents.
5. Choose appropriate objectives consistent with state and local curriculum guidelines, the learning needs of students, and the standards established by learned societies.
6. Use technology to enhance teaching and learning experiences
7. Demonstrate effective teaching including positive results for student learning, self-reflection, and appropriate professional dispositions.
8. Employ and analyze appropriate assessments and evaluative procedures.

Foreign Language Program Objectives

The objectives of this program are:

- a. To provide the opportunity for a basic, well-rounded education and intellectual base for the student majoring in French or Spanish and preparing to teach French or Spanish in grades K-12.
- b. To prepare students in the four foreign language skill areas – listening, speaking, reading, and writing – and in the areas of culture, civilization, and literature of the target language.
- c. To provide students with the psychological background, pedagogical knowledge, and technological skills necessary for success in the subject area.
- d. To provide students with the knowledge and understanding of theories of language acquisition, the history of foreign language teaching in the United States, methodology for the teaching of foreign languages to non-native and heritage speakers, curriculum development, formative and summative assessments, and instructional materials.
- e. To provide opportunities for observation and internship experiences for the student to practice a variety of planning strategies, teaching skills, and methods of classroom management.
- f. To stimulate interest in further study, travel, and other educational pursuits that will lead the student to professional growth beyond the undergraduate years.
- g. To provide students with the training required for North Carolina licensure and the qualifications necessary to seek employment in grades K-12.

Licensure Requirements

Students who plan to become licensed teachers in the North Carolina public schools must complete the university's Basic Studies expectations, all requirements in the major, and be formally admitted to the Watson School of Education. Admission is required for eligibility to enroll in most EDN 300 and all 400 level courses. Requirements for admission are listed in the UNCW Undergraduate Catalogue, and also are listed on the Watson School's website at www.uncw.edu/ed.

Formal Criminal Background Check Requirement

All students completing degree or non-degree programs leading to NC teacher licensure must complete a formal criminal background check as they enter education coursework and again as they begin the student-teaching internship semester. Failure to complete the background check will prohibit you from taking any education coursework in which field experience is required.

In addition to the requirements for the academic major, the Psychology and Education courses listed below are required for licensure. A grade of "C" or better must be earned in the following courses:

PSY 223	Lifespan Human Development	(3)
EDN 200	Teacher, School and Society	(3)
EDNL 200	Field Studies	(1)
EDN 203	Psychological Foundations of Teaching	(3)
EDN 301	Instructional Design and Evaluation	(3)
EDN 303	Instructional Technology	(3)

NOTE: *The courses listed below require admission to the Watson School of Education.*

EDN 321*	Meeting Needs of Special Students in High Schools	(2)
EDN 356	Reading in the Secondary School (or EDN 340 or EDN 352)	(3)
EDN 407	Theory and Practice in Teaching Foreign Languages (K-12)	(3)
EDNL 407	Field Experience in Foreign Language	(1)
EDN 409	Practicum	(12)
EDN 420	Instructional Seminar – Foreign Languages	(3)

Total = 40 semester hours

* EDN 319 (3 credit hours) or EDN 320 (3 credit hours) may be taken in lieu of EDN 321 (2 credit hours).

Program Notes

- Advance planning of programs is essential for students interested in becoming teachers in secondary or allied education areas. Students should apply to the Watson School of Education as soon as admission requirements are met (typically in the sophomore year), select courses carefully, and plan their programs in regular consultation with their advisors. A minimum of 124 hours is required for graduation.
- Students must comply with the Academic Achievement and Professional Behavior expectations described in the Watson School of Education's *Standards for Professional Conduct*.
- The following courses have field experience components so students should plan their schedules to allow sufficient time to complete the expectations: EDN 200, 321, 356, and 407. Students should take EDN 321 and EDN 356 in their junior year.
- The Secondary and Allied Areas Education Program is committed to providing students with diverse field placements. In cases where students are placed for field experiences at a school with less than 20% of pupils on free or reduced lunch, or with a partnership teacher whose assignment provides limited student diversity (e.g., teaching all honors or AP students), faculty will ensure that students have additional field experiences.
- Successful completion of field experience assignments in EDN 321 and 356 is required in order for students to be able to take additional education courses.
- Successful completion of EDNL 407 (methods lab) is required in order for students to be recommended for internship
- EDN 301 is a prerequisite for most upper level EDN 300 and 400 courses.
- EDN 407 and EDNL 407 are offered during the fall semester only.
- EDN 409 and EDN 420 must be taken during the spring semester, and these two courses comprise the internship.
- In order to be eligible for internship students must:
 - a. be admitted to the Watson School of Education
 - b. have a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or better
 - c. have completed all required Education courses and all academic major courses
 - d. complete an application for internship at least one semester in advance of the intended student teaching semester and attend orientation meetings.
- Praxis II Specialty Tests are not required for majors who complete the teacher education program, including internship. Lateral entry teachers are required to take Praxis II. Registration materials and study guides are available online at www.ets.org/praxis
- All students seeking teacher licensure are required to demonstrate mastery of essential and advanced technology skills. Instructional technology skills are developed through student enrollment in EDN 303 or 416 and technology infusion in all other core and professional education courses. Demonstration of advanced technology skills requires mastery of the ISTE National Educational Technology Standards (attached).

Additional Information for Teacher Licensure

In addition to the core requirements (36 hours) for a B.A. degree in *Spanish*, students seeking licensure in Spanish (K-12) must complete the following courses: SPN 305, 306, 307, 308, 311, 312, 321, 322, and at least 6 hours at the 400 level, only 3 of which may be obtained by means of a SPN 491 or 498. HST 101 and 102 are recommended. Study abroad is highly recommended.

In addition to the core requirements (36 hours) for a B.A. degree in *French*, students seeking licensure in French (K-12) must complete the following courses: FRH 301, 302, 303, 306, 308, 311 or 318, 321, 322, and at least 6 credit hours at the 400 level, only 3 of which may be obtained by means of a FRH 491 or 498. HST 101 and 102 are recommended. Study abroad is highly recommended.

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