



THE WATSON SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Wilmington

PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND LICENSURE-ONLY STUDENTS

Mission Statement

The Watson School of Education is a community of scholars dedicated to teaching, learning, creating, and extending knowledge through research. The faculty of the Watson School of Education strives to demonstrate: excellence in teaching; engagement in the generation and dissemination of knowledge; infusion of technology as an instructional tool; development of new roles and relationships in the institution of education; and inquiry, continuous learning, creativity, and the valuing of diversity. Our mission is to produce teachers and administrators for the public schools of our region, state, and nation who are effective decision makers and reflective practitioners.

Programs Offered

Majors and licensure are available in:

- Education of Young Children (birth-kindergarten)
- Elementary Education (grades K - 6)
- Middle Grades Education (grades 6 - 9)
- Special Education (grades K - 12 in one or more of the following: learning disabilities, mental retardation, behaviorally-emotionally handicapped)

Licensure for grades 9 - 12 is offered in the following areas:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- English
- Geology
- History
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Science
- Social Studies

Licensure for grades K - 12 is available in:

- Physical Education
- Music
- French
- Spanish

Academic Concentration

All students majoring in elementary, middle grades, special education, or physical education must select an Academic Concentration (sometimes referred to as a "second major"). The Academic Concentration is a coherent course of study in a basic academic discipline comparable to, but not identical with, the course of study for a major in that discipline. A minimum of 24 semester hours is required, and up to six hours of Basic Studies courses may be counted as part of the Academic Concentration, depending upon the area selected. (English 101, 103 or 201 cannot be counted in the Academic Concentration.)

Academic Concentrations available for Elementary, Special Education, and Physical Education majors are:

Anthropology	English	History	Psychology
Art	Environmental Studies	Literature Studies	Religion
Behavioral Studies	Fine Arts	Marine Biology	Science, Humanities
Biology	French	Mathematics	Social Studies
Chemistry	Geography	Music	Sociology
Community Health	Geology	Philosophy	Spanish
		Political Science	Theatre

Academic concentrations available for Middle Grades Education majors are:

Biology	English	Geography	History	Mathematics
Chemistry	Environmental Studies	Geology	Political Science	Sociology
				Social Studies

Admissions Requirements

NOTE: Students must be admitted to the Watson School of Education in order to take EDN courses numbered above EDN 303. To be admitted to the Watson School of Education and Teacher Education program, students must:

- Complete the University requirements in English, mathematics and a science laboratory course with a grade of "C" or better in each course.
- Complete EDN 200, Teacher, School, and Society, with a grade of "C" or better.
- Complete a minimum of 45 semester hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or better (4.0 scale) on all work attempted at UNCW. Transfer students must earn a 2.7 GPA on a minimum of 12 hours completed at UNCW.
- Attain passing scores on teacher education entry tests specified and mandated by the Board of Education of the State of North Carolina. As of July 1, 1995 the tests and the required passing scores are Praxis I:

PPST Reading = 176 PPST Writing = 173 PPST Mathematics = 173

* The Praxis I tests may be taken on computer. To register students should call the testing center at 962-7444. The testing is scheduled by appointment in Westside Hall on the UNCW campus.

Students **must request** that their PRAXIS scores be sent to UNCW since this is not automatically done, even if the test is taken on the UNCW campus. Procedures for requesting that scores be sent to specific locations are described in the PRAXIS Registration booklet or online at www.ets.org/praxis. Review materials for the PRAXIS are available in the University Bookstore, Randall Library or online at www.ets.org/praxis.

To apply to the Watson School of Education, an application form should be completed and submitted the semester before anticipated admittance. Most students apply at the end of the first semester of the sophomore year in order to be admitted prior to their junior year. Transfer students should plan to take the PRAXIS prior to enrolling at UNCW if possible, and then applying to the Watson School of Education as soon as the other requirements listed above have been met. Applications for admission are processed at the end of the spring, summer, and fall semesters.

Students should ensure that all requirements previously listed have been met prior to the time of anticipated admittance. It is important to note that the majority of the courses in the Teacher Education Program (i.e., those courses numbered above EDN 303) are open only to persons who have been admitted to the Watson School of Education.

Field Experiences

One of the strengths of the Teacher Education Program at UNCW is involvement in a variety of field-based activities. These field experience requirements include individual and small group instruction in public school settings, testing and tutoring in the Educational Lab, and working in community programs. Since field experiences of one to three hours per week are required in virtually every education methods class, it is vital for students to carefully plan their academic courses, as well as work, family, and extracurricular schedules, in order to make the necessary accommodations to ensure success in the program.

For additional information, please contact:

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