

UNCW ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MASTER'S PROGRAM: COHORT 3

BEGINNING FALL SEMESTER, 2009

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 1, 2009

The Department of Elementary, Middle Level & Literacy Education at UNCW is pleased to announce that another **Cohort Master's Degree Program in Elementary Education** will commence in Fall 2009. It will be available to teachers in the Onslow County area and to teachers in Brunswick and Columbus County through distance learning sites in the respective counties. The 39 semester hour extension program will be a cohort program delivered via distance learning - courses beamed to Coastal Carolina Community College and/or Camp Lejeune, and to Brunswick Community College (and possibly to Southeastern Community College) - and also with online instruction. In a Cohort program, students begin the program at the same time, complete the required courses in the same sequence, and complete the program at the same time. Thus, students must make a commitment to pursue the program to completion as a group. UNCW is unable to assure program completion on an extension basis for any student who exits the Cohort prior to completion. Only 30 students can be enrolled in the Cohort Program. In the event that the number of applicants exceeds the number of available spaces, cohort members will be selected by date of formal admission to the graduate program and the admissions committee's evaluation of applicants' papers.

The program leading to the Master of Education degree (M.Ed.) and "M" level licensure in elementary education provides advanced professional training for individuals who currently hold, or are qualified to hold, North Carolina Class "A" teacher licensure in early childhood education, intermediate education, or elementary education. Based upon the view of a professional as a decision-maker, the program addresses the needs for conceptual and procedural bases for teachers' decision-making and identifies appropriate instructional alternatives for students' professional practice. The major goals of the program are to develop the capacity of teachers to become leaders in their classrooms and schools. This will be accomplished through a curriculum designed to improve teaching skills, promote capacity to support colleagues in their teaching and enable teachers to work collaboratively to improve their school and school district. Students will take two courses per semester, including summers, except that in the final semester of the program, fall 2011 students will take one course and complete the program's exit requirement (examination and/or portfolio presentation). In-state tuition for extension graduate students for 2009-2010 is \$164.05 per credit hour.

Interested students must apply for admission to the Graduate School. The deadline for receipt of all application materials is June 1, 2009. Directions for submitting the online application form and all supplemental documents required for admission are found at the following link: <https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=UNCW-GRAD>. You may submit the online Graduate School application form before taking the MAT or GRE, or submitting transcripts and letters of recommendations (see below).

Admission Requirements

Applicants seeking admission to the (M.Ed.) graduate program are required to submit the following to the Graduate School:

1. An application for graduate admission
2. Official copies of transcripts of all college work (undergraduate and graduate)
3. Official scores on the Miller Analogies Test (MAT)* or the Graduate Record Exam (GRE)*
4. Three recommendations by individuals in relevant professional fields (employers, professors, supervisors)
5. A 2-3 page typed letter of application which includes a description of the applicant's professional goals, educational interests in pursuing graduate study, and philosophy of teaching.

Criteria for Graduate Admissions Decisions

1. A grade average of "B" in the undergraduate major
2. Satisfactory scores on the Miller Analogies Test or the Graduate Record Exam
3. Satisfactory letters of recommendation from appropriate references
4. Satisfactory writing skills indicated by the letter of application

Admissions decisions are based upon several factors and where other indicators of success warrant, individuals who fall below the established criteria in one of the areas may be considered for admission.

One requirement for admission is submission of test scores for either the Miller Analogies Test (MAT): <http://pearsonassess.com/haiweb/Cultures/en-US/site/Community/PostSecondary/Products/MAT/mathome.htm>) or the Graduate Record Exam (GRE): <http://www.takethegre.com/what.html>). Both exams are administered via computer and can be taken only by appointment. The University Testing Center at UNCW offers the MAT on M-F at 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Cost: \$75. . Other testing centers where the MAT can be taken are: ECU- (252)328-6811; Pembroke - (910)521-6202; Fayetteville State - (910)672-1301; and NC State - (919)515-0368. The GRE can be taken at UNCW M-F at 8:30am and 12:30pm. Cost: \$140. You may register online to take the GRE at any PROMETRIC center below (<http://securereg3.prometric.com/SiteSelection.aspx>).

[7549: ETS - UNIV OF NC/WILMINGTON](#)

University Testing Services, UNCW
601 SOUTH COLLEGE RD
WESTSIDE HALL
WILMINGTON, NC 28403 (910)962-7444

[1618: PROMETRIC TEST CENTER](#)

East Carolina University
1011 W.H. Smith Blvd
Greenville, NC 27858 (252)328-6811

[7552: ETS- FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIV.](#)

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
1200 MURCHISON RD.
FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28301-4298 (910)672-1301

[1609: PROMETRIC TEST CENTER](#)

4900 RANDALL PARKWAY, BLDG. A
WILMINGTON, NC 28403 (910)392-0891

[1607: PROMETRIC TEST CENTER](#)

1925 A TURNBURY DRIVE
Greenville, NC 27858 (252)756-0342

[1602: PROMETRIC TEST CENTER](#)

3200 SPRING FOREST ROAD
SUITE 212
RALEIGH, NC 27616 (919)954-1359

In addition to the study and test taking guidance provided by the test publishers of the MAT and the GRE (links provided above), I recommend the following very helpful websites to prepare for the MAT: <http://www.matexampracticetests.com/>) or GRE: <http://www.greprepinfo.com/>.

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