

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Majors and Licensure Areas:

- Special Education- General Curriculum (K-12)
- Elementary Education (K-6)
- Physical Education (K-12)
- Spanish (K-12)
- Middle Grades Education (6-9)
- Secondary Social Studies (9-12) major in Anthropology, History, Political Science or Sociology
- Secondary English (9-12)
- Secondary Math (9-12)
- Secondary Science (9-12) major in Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Geosciences or Physics
- Special Education – Adapted Curriculum (K-12)
- Education of Young Children (B-K)
- Music (K-12)
- French (K-12)

What is the admissions process?

Admission to UNCW and the Watson College of Education is a two-step process:

1. Admission to the university
 Transfers: <http://www.uncw.edu/transferadmissions>
 Freshmen: <http://www.uncw.edu/admissions>
2. Application to the Watson College of Education <http://www.uncw.edu/ed/requirements.html>
 Application usually occurs during sophomore year or the first semester after admission to UNCW

What are the deadlines for admission?

Freshman Admission to UNCW	Transfer Admission to UNCW	Licensure Only Admission to UNCW	Admission to Watson
Early Action (Non-binding)- November 1st <i>Decisions made on/around January 20th</i>	Summer Admission- March 1st	Summer Admission- May 1st	End of Fall semester- December 1st
	Fall Admission- March 1st	Fall Admission- May 1st	End of Spring semester- May 1st
Regular Decision- February 1st Decision made on/around April 1st	Spring Admission- October 15th Spring admission is highly competitive	Spring Admission- November 1st	End of Summer semester- August 1st

Approximately how long does it take for students to complete the program?

Undergraduate teaching programs take 4-5 years of full-time study. Licensure only programs often take two years of full-time study. Masters of Arts in Teaching programs generally take one year.

Is admission to Watson College of Education (WCE) competitive?

If a student meets the requirements for admission to WCE, admission will be granted. Applications can be submitted once per semester.

What Classes will I take?

Transfer students:

- North Carolina Community College students – follow one of [these plans](#) found at <http://uncw.edu/admissions/NCCCDegreePlans.html>

All others:

- See a [checklist](#) for your major <http://www.uncw.edu/ed/advising/prereg.html>

All admitted students will be assigned an advisor and receive one-on-one individualized advising at orientation and throughout the degree

Where can I find information about required field experiences and student teaching?

The [Office of Professional Experiences](#) posts details on their website:
<http://www.uncw.edu/ed/professionalexperience/fieldexperience.html>

Do *first year* (freshman) students have an option to live in residence halls with other education majors?

Yes! The Watson College of Education Living Learning Community (ELC) provides first-year education majors a residential learning community that supports academic, social and educational development. Click [here](#) for more information. (<http://www.uncw.edu/ed/ellc/>)

Is there an option for me to complete my degree online?

Yes! Elementary Education majors can complete coursework online. Field experiences for each course are face to face within the [PDS Partnership Schools](#). Click [here](#) for more information (<http://uncw.edu/onslow/undergrad.html>)

I have earned a bachelor's degree in another field and I am interested in obtaining license to teach. What is the best option for me?

UNCW offers a one year Masters of Arts in Teaching degree with flexible online options, and two year licensure only (non degree) programs. Click [here](#) for more information (http://www.uncw.edu/ed/degree_lic.html)

UNCW Departmental Websites:

Elementary: <http://www.uncw.edu/ed/eemls/elementary/index.html>

Middle Grades: <http://www.uncw.edu/ed/eemls/middlegrades/index.html>

Special Education: <http://www.uncw.edu/ed/eemls/sped/index.html>

Secondary (grades 9-12) or Allied Subject: <http://www.uncw.edu/ed/itfse/secondary/index.html>

Important Websites:

UNCW Admissions: <http://www.uncw.edu/admissions>

Watson College Advising: <http://www.uncw.edu/ed/advising>

Frequently asked questions: http://www.uncw.edu/ed/advising/faq_ds.html

Program sheets for all licensure areas: http://uncw.edu/ed/degree_under.html

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