Want To Teach?

A practical, affordable path to start or advance your career in education

At the Cato College of Education, we recognize that to provide PK-12 students a rich educational experience, current and future teachers need practical options for growing their knowledge and skills. Our new model for distance education combines online courses and innovative clinical labs where our students have the opportunity to rehearse instructional practices and receive feedback from peers and our exceptional course instructors. Under this model, students may earn both a Graduate Certificate and a Master of Arts in Teaching in a variety of subjects. Students can gain licensure in as little as 12 to 18 months depending on program and start term.

The Graduate Certificate in Teaching leads to an initial professional educator's license in the state of North Carolina for candidates who already hold a Bachelor's degree. This program is an ideal fit for those seeking a North Carolina teaching license. Students who earn the Graduate Certificate have the option to take a second set of courses to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching and the subject expertise and opportunities that comes with it.

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DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Child and Family Development (B-K)
- Career and Technical Education (K-6) (selected areas)
- Elementary Education (K-6)
- Middle Grades Education (6-9)  
  English/language arts, math, science, social studies
- Secondary Education (9-12)  
  Comprehensive science, comprehensive social studies, English, math
- Special Education (K-12)  
  Adapted curriculum, general curriculum
- Teaching English as a Second Language (K-12)
- Foreign Language Education (K-12)  
  French, German, Spanish
- Art Education (K-12)

APPLICATION DEADLINES*

Fall - August 15  
Spring - January 1  
Summer I - May 15  
Summer II - June 15

*Not all programs admit every term. See program pages for specifics on application deadlines.

PRACTICAL TRAINING

- Targeted clinical experiences and coaching supports that address the needs of current classroom teachers
- In-school activities provide candidates real life exemplars of the theory and practice they learn in their online coursework.
  - For example, in your clinical experience, you may be asked to lead or co-teach a discussion with your mentor or with the coaching support of a university supervisor and faculty member.
- Cato College of Education faculty are among the top experts in their respective fields, and many have direct experience teaching in PreK-12 schools. They focus on bridging theory and practice to provide you with practical knowledge that will provide direct benefits in the classroom.

WORKFORCE FRIENDLY

- Online coursework paired with convenient on-site clinical training
- Synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities
- Gain licensure in as little as 12 to 18 months depending on program and start term

AFFORDABLE

Distance Education: $246.90 per credit hour  
Face to Face: $1,211 per credit hour

*In-state rates shown

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