



SPRING 2025

EDUCATOR RESIDENCY MODEL

**APPLICATION WINDOW:
JULY 15 - OCTOBER 15**

[https://eastcarolinauniversity.formstack.com/forms/
educator_residency_application_spring_2025](https://eastcarolinauniversity.formstack.com/forms/educator_residency_application_spring_2025)

Link can also be found on our website:
<https://education.ecu.edu/aL>

**For more information:
alternativelicensure@ecu.edu**

Birth-Kindergarten Application:
[https://eastcarolinauniversity.formstack.com/forms/
bk_educator_residency_application](https://eastcarolinauniversity.formstack.com/forms/bk_educator_residency_application)



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The Educator Residency Model is a fast-track program to assist teachers who hold a Residency License in meeting NC DPI licensure requirements. Participants can complete coursework in as few as 18 credit hours with continuous enrollment.

Advantages of becoming a Pirate

- 18 credit hours (6 courses)
- Fully online program to maximize accessibility
- Cohort support & systematic plan of study
- Formal academic advising model
- Begin coursework immediately upon hire as residency teacher
- Discounted DE tuition rates

Cohort candidates must fulfill all requirements set forth by NC DPI Residency License requirements. This includes yearly licensure renewal, employment, testing, coursework, etc. Enrollment in ECU's program does not guarantee employment or fulfillment of all licensure requirements. Information subject to change pending clarification from NC DPI. Please always consult with NC DPI & ECU websites regarding processes and deadlines.

Licensure Areas Supported at ECU

Birth-Kindergarten (see website)*

Art (K-12)

Elementary (K-6)

Family & Consumer Science (7-12)*

French (K-12)

German (K-12)

Health/Physical Education (K-12)*

High School Secondary (9-12)

English, Math *, Science *, Social Studies

Middle Grades (6-9)*

Language Arts, Math , Science , Social Studies

Spanish (K-12)

SPED: General Curriculum (K-12)*

SPED: Adapted Curriculum (K-12)*

Theatre (K-12)

*Customized Plan by Program Area

Tuition Snapshot

A benefit of ECU's program is the utilization of a discounted DE tuition rates.

ECU's Educator Residency Model provides incredible value as an option for residency licensure clearance. In-State Tuition rates are approx. \$205/credit hour, making each course approx. \$615 per course.

Pirates pay just \$3690 in tuition costs

Tuition payment plans are offered during the Fall and Spring semesters.

Most semesters during the program will not meet semester hour eligibility requirements for Financial Aid. Please see plan of study.

Tuition rates/deadlines are enforced by the Cashier's Office.

Tuition payment plans must be set up each major semester through Pirate Portal.

Candidates must establish in-state status during institutional admissions process.

Additional costs for candidates include edTPA submission to Pearson (approx. \$300) and costs for licensure exam(s).

This document is provided as a supplementary guide. For official information, please always consult with NC DPI and ECU websites regarding processes and deadlines.

Educator Residency Model Program Official Spring 2025 COHORT Plan of Study

Plan of Study / Licensure Clearance Requirements:

- **Teach successfully for at least one full year in an approved residency position** (NC public or approved DPI private/charter)
- **Pass licensure area exam(s) for residency licensure subject area(s)**
 - *Evidence:* official copy of passing PRAXIS II and/or Pearson scores for exam(s)
- **Complete edTPA with passing score**
 - The edTPA is embedded within the Residency 2 course.
- **Complete ECU Educator Residency Model coursework towards licensure**
 - Participants must achieve a C or better in all coursework **AND** must have a **GPA of 2.7 or higher** to enroll in the Residency 2 (TCHR 4992) course.

Grade	Term	Course	Course Title	Credits
	Spring 2025	READ 4500 (K-5) or READ 5317 (all other licensure areas)	READ 4500 - Teaching Literacy in the Elementary Grades READ 5317 - Adolescent Literacy in the Content Areas	3 SH
	Summer I 2025	TCHR 4003 (K-5) or TCHR 4004 (K-12)	Classroom Management and Child/Adolescent Development	3 SH
	Summer 2 2025	TCHR 4001 (K-5) or TCHR 4002 (K-12)	Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment	3 SH
	Fall 2025	SPED 4008	Exceptional Learners in the General Education Classroom	3 SH
	Spring 2026	TCHR 4991	Residency Support I *pre-requisite for TCHR 4992	3 SH
	Fall 2026	TCHR 4992	Residency Support 2 (edTPA submission)	3 SH
*subject to adjustment			TOTAL:	18 SH

*Due to the pacing of courses in the program, this plan is not financial aid friendly as it only requires one course (3 hours) per semester.

Special Notes for your Plan of Study:

- Your plan of study remains valid if:
 - You remain employed as a lead teacher under residency in a DPI-approved North Carolina LEA;
 - You hold an unexpired residency license in the area for which you are hired or emergency status with 24 hours of relevant coursework; if you hold an emergency license, you must convert to a residency license to remain in the program
 - The licensure area on your plan of study matches the licensure area on your residency license and service area;
 - You earn a grade of C or better in all residency courses **and** you have a GPA of 2.7 or higher prior to enrolling into TCHR 4992-Residency Support 2.
 - If candidates complete 18 hours of coursework and have not passed edTPA and/or licensure exam(s), a one-hour course has been created to allow for enrollment for the third year of the residency license.

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There is a different plan of study for SPED, KINE, FACS, SCIE, MATE, and MIDG with similar classes.

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STEPS FOR ACCEPTANCE

1. Determine if you are qualified to be hired as a Residency Candidate.

Review the Residency License Policy and requirements as listed on the [NC DPI website](#).

- Content Proficiency (meet one or more areas)
- Regionally accredited bachelor's degree
- 24 credit hours of coursework in the content area OR passing [NCSBE exam score\(s\)](#)
 - SPED AC candidates must have both tests passed
- Academic Proficiency
- 2.7 GPA (on a 4-point scale)

Former Lateral Entry candidates must have 24 hours and passing licensure exam(s).

2. Secure teaching position as a Residency Hire through NC DPI approved school or district.

Contact your desired school and/or approved charter school to confirm subject area eligibility, current vacancies, and processes for applying. You may be required to submit official transcripts or complete competency exam(s) prior to qualifying.

[List of LEAs, Charter Schools, etc.](#)

3. Connect with ECU Alternative Licensure to confirm intent to enroll in ECU's program.

Affiliate with ECU as your approved Educator Preparation Program (EPP) by submitting an internal application, link found on website.

- Fall Cohort Application Window - December 1 through June 15
- Spring Cohort Application Window - July 21 through October 15
- Birth-Kindergarten (BK) application window and cycle is continuous

4. Secure institutional Admission as a Post-Baccalaureate student - Undergraduate Admissions

Please DO NOT apply to Undergraduate Admissions until receiving confirmation of acceptance into program.

Upon internal acceptance into the ECU Educator Residency Model program, secure institutional admission for the appropriate term. [Submit a Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure Application](#). For assistance, please contact Undergraduate Admissions.

- Establish in-state status by connecting with [NC Residency Determination Service](#).
- [Activate ECU Student Email account](#)

5. Connect with your ECU Educator Residency Model Advisor.

- Your advisor will assist you with registration each semester, as well as navigation of any institutional policies and procedures.
- Please send via email any passing NCSBE exam score(s) (required licensure area exams).
- Please send via email a completed RL form each year. This must be signed by your district licensure specialist.

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LICENSURE CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete ECU Educator Residency Model Coursework before the expiration of RL Year 3.

Participants must

- achieve a grade of C or better in all coursework
- have a GPA of 2.7 or higher to enroll in the Residency 2 course
- have a GPA of 2.7 or higher for ECU to recommend for licensure clearance

2. Pass licensure area exam(s) for residency licensure subject area(s).

3. Complete edTPA with a passing score.

The edTPA submission process is embedded within the Residency 2 Support course listed on the plan of study. Submission for scoring costs approximately \$300.