



SPRING 2026 EDUCATOR RESIDENCY PROGRAM

SPANISH, GERMAN, FRENCH, THEATRE, ART, PE, PE/HEALTH

APPLICATION WINDOW:
JULY 1, 2025 - OCTOBER 15, 2025

<https://education.ecu.edu/al/residency/>

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Please review all information found in this flyer.

EDUCATOR RESIDENCY LICENSE PROGRAM

**SPANISH
GERMAN
FRENCH**

**THEATRE
ART**

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)
HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

PE, Health/PE, Spanish, German, French, Art, & Theatre will continue to be supported through ECU's successful Educator Residency Model.

These areas are offered as clearance of the residency license only and are not changing under the new certificate structure. Your path remains fully supported through ECU's Educator Residency Model.

By choosing ECU, candidates in these licensure areas receive all the advantages of our Educator Residency Program:

- 100% online coursework
- Formal academic advising
- Structured plan of study aligned to licensure requirements
- Access to 240Tutoring for licensure exams
- edTPA preparation and support
- Personalized assistance for licensure clearance requirements

Candidates in these licensure areas will not receive a formal certificate upon completion, but are still eligible for licensure recommendation upon successful completion of all coursework and testing requirements, including edTPA.

Tuition Cost at the Undergraduate Rate

Estimated total tuition cost - \$3,713.94

Estimated cost per course - **\$618.99**

Credit hour rate - \$206.33 for a student that is classified as in-state

The Educator Residency Model is 18 credit hours.

ADVANTAGES OF CHOSING ECU AS YOUR EDUCATOR PREPRATION PROGRAM

Our program options for residency teachers include a fast-track program to assist teachers who hold a Residency License in meeting NC DPI Licensure requirements.

Fully online program to maximize accessibility

All coursework is delivered 100% online to provide maximum flexibility and access for working residency teachers. No campus visits required.

Formal academic advising model

Candidates receive dedicated one-on-one support from an academic advisor. Advising includes personalized course registration, ongoing progress tracking, and proactive guidance to help ensure on-time program completion and licensure readiness.

Affordable tuition rates

Benefit from ECU's discounted distance education tuition, making professional advancement more affordable without compromising quality.

Structured, career-focused plan of study

Each program follows a carefully designed, fast-track plan of study with built-in milestones and licensure preparation - developed with the needs of residency-licensed educators in mind.

edTPA & Licensure Exam Support

Candidates receive structured edTPA preparation, with submission embedded in the final course of the program. Access to 240Tutoring is provided to support studying for licensure exams, ensuring candidates are well equipped for successful licensure-clearance.

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.

RESIDENCY LICENSE OPTIONS

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)
- Institutionally 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 obtain required prior approval and 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 1 through October 15
- Birth-Kindergarten (BK) application window and cycle is continuous

4. Secure institutional Admission

DO NOT apply to Admissions until receiving prior approval from the Office of Alternative Licensure.

Upon internal acceptance/prior approval from the Office of Alternative Licensure, secure institutional admission for the appropriate term and with the appropriate admissions link (provided by our office).

- 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.

LICENSURE CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PROGRAM OPTIONS

1. Complete all coursework required of the program required GPA before the expiration of RL Year 3.

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.



PLAN EXAMPLE

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To be eligible for licensure clearance, you must:

- Pass all licensure exams for your subject area and submit official Praxis II and/or Pearson scores.
- Complete the edTPA with a passing score. edTPA submission is embedded in the Residency 2 course.
- Complete all required ECU Educator Residency coursework with a 2.7 GPA.
- Earn a C or better in all coursework and maintain a minimum 2.7 GPA to enroll in the Residency 2 course.

Grade	Term	Course	Course Title	Credits
	Spring 2026	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 2026	TCHR 4003 (K-5) or TCHR 4004 (K-12)	Classroom Management and Child/Adolescent Development	3 SH
	Summer 2 2026	TCHR 4001 (K-5) or TCHR 4002 (K-12)	Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment	3 SH
	Fall 2026	SPED 4008	Exceptional Learners in the General Education Classroom	3 SH
	Spring 2027	TCHR 4991	Residency Support I *pre-requisite for TCHR 4992	3 SH
	Fall 2027	TCHR 4992	Residency Support 2 (edTPA submission)	3 SH
*subject to adjustment			TOTAL:	18 SH

Note: This plan is not financial aid-friendly due to only one 3-credit course per semester.

Your plan of study remains valid only if:

- You are employed as a lead teacher under residency in a NC DPI-approved LEA.
- You hold an unexpired residency license (and/or permit to teach or emergency license with 24 hours of relevant coursework).
 - If you have a permit to teach or emergency license, you must convert to a residency license.
- Your residency licensure area matches your plan of study and service area.
- You maintain a minimum of 2.7 GPA and earn a C or better in all residency courses before enrolling in TCHR 4992.

If you complete the 18 SH but haven't passed edTPA and/or licensure exams, a 1-credit course will be available to extend enrollment into the third year of your residency license.