SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
LICENSURE PROGRAMS

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About
Teacher licensure in North Carolina and qualification for licensure in most of the other states may be earned at four UNC Greensboro professional schools and various departments within the College of Arts and Sciences. Students may select licensure programs in a variety of subject areas.

The School of Education offers programs in Elementary Education, Middle Grades Education, Professions in Deafness, and Special Education; and jointly directs, with departments in the College of Arts and Sciences, programs for teacher licensure in core academic subjects at the secondary level.

The School of Health and Human Sciences, the College of Visual and Performing Arts, and the College of Arts and Sciences, in collaboration with the School of Education, offer teacher education curricula.

Graduates of approved teacher education curricula are eligible for initial licensure on the basis of UNCG’s recommendation to the State Department of Public Instruction. As requirements may vary among departments, students should check with their major advisor for specific information regarding their program.

Important information for all education students at UNC Greensboro can be found in the Teacher Education Handbook.

Admission to Teacher Education
All students who wish to be recommended for teacher licensure in any of the subject areas must be admitted to a specific Teacher Education Program. Students should apply for admission to Teacher Education at the end of their sophomore year and be admitted no later than the first semester of their junior year.

The following requirements must be met:

1. Grade point average of at least 2.50 (some departments require a GPA higher than a 2.50 to be admitted to teacher education). To determine if students meet this standard, the grade point average (GPA) is calculated using all relevant undergraduate course work.
2. Recommendation of the school or department where major is to be taken
3. Achievement of minimum score requirements as set by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction on the Professional Assessment for Beginning Teachers (Praxis I, ACT, or SAT)
4. Completion of at least 12 s.h. at UNC Greensboro. The 12 s.h. shall be waived for any transfer student who meets ALL of the aforementioned requirements for admission to Teacher Education. The grade point average for transfer students will be the transferable GPA as computed by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
5. Background check requested through UNCG’s affiliated company as described in the Teacher Education Handbook.

For additional requirements specific to a program, students should check with their major school or department. Students should contact the Office of Student Services (located in the School of Education Building, 334-3410) for:

1. Clarification of admission requirements.
2. Appeal of the application of a rule or regulation.

More information on this topic can be found in the Teacher Education Handbook.

Admission to Student Teaching
During the junior year, students already admitted to the Teacher Education Program must apply for admission to Student Teaching.

Student Teaching admission includes:

1. Grade point average of at least 2.50 (some departments require a GPA higher than a 2.50 for student teaching).
2. Approval of the school or department in which the student is majoring.
3. Completion of additional requirements specific to the major department or school teacher education program.

Application forms are available online from the School of Education Licensure Programs website. Forms must be submitted by November 1 for student teaching in the fall of the following year, and by February 15 for student teaching in the spring of the following year.

Student teaching assignments are usually made in schools within commuting distance of UNC Greensboro. Teacher education students are individually responsible for expenses incurred during student teaching, including transportation.

Student teaching in some subject areas is offered only in either the fall or the spring semester. Any student who plans to student teach should check with his or her major program about when student teaching will be offered in a particular subject area.

More information on this topic can be found in the Teacher Education Handbook.

General and Professional Education Requirements
Requirements for teacher licensure are specified in the respective program descriptions. Candidates should know program specific requirements. This information is available on the department websites, handbooks of their licensure programs, and/or in the University Catalog. Students should also speak with their advisors about admission requirements as all licensure programs rely heavily on early and adequate advising.

Requirements
For Elementary and Middle Grades Licensure
Refer to the Department of Teacher Education and Higher Education page of this Bulletin for program requirements.

For K–12 Special Subject-Area Licensure
Refer to the appropriate K-12 Special Subject-Area Licensure page of this Bulletin for program requirements.
For Secondary Subject-Area Licensure (Grades 9–12)

The following courses must be taken in a specified sequence, terminating in student teaching in the spring semester of the senior year. See the online Secondary Education Handbook for more information.

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<td>TED 465</td>
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<td>LIS 120</td>
<td>Introduction to Instructional Technology for Educational Settings</td>
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* Strongly recommended.

Second Academic Concentration Requirement

All students majoring in Elementary and Physical Education are required to complete an approved second academic concentration consisting of a minimum of 18 semester hours in a basic academic discipline or an approved interdisciplinary field of study. Depending on the academic discipline selected, a maximum of 6 s.h. may be counted toward General Education requirements and the second concentration. This requirement became effective for all students who entered the university in Fall 2005. Some departments (e.g., French and Spanish) require 24 hours for their second academic concentration. All students majoring in Middle Grades Education must complete 24, 25, or 27 hours in two of five content fields: Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and/or Social Studies. This requirement also applies to students seeking a second degree in one of the affected majors. Students should check with the major school and/or department about this requirement or additional requirements specific to individual programs.

Teacher Licensure in Comprehensive Secondary Social Studies

Students majoring in anthropology, geography, history, political science, psychology, or sociology can seek teacher licensure in comprehensive secondary social studies. Students seeking social studies licensure must take a total of 18 semester hours in history and economics beyond their major requirements from the departments of anthropology, geography, political science, psychology, and sociology. Because history majors need to achieve breadth in social science content and methods, history majors must complete an additional 15 hours of social science electives. Courses must be selected from the following approved list. This list is also available from the School of Education Office of Student Services (School of Education Building), the student’s major advisor, or the social studies advisor in the School of Education. Substitution of any requirements needed for licensure may be made by the social studies advisor in the School of Education.

Courses Satisfying Competencies for the Standard Professional I License in Secondary Social Studies

All secondary social studies licensure students must complete the 18 semester hours detailed below and one additional 300-level history course.

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<td>HIS 430</td>
<td>Historical Methods for Social Studies Teachers</td>
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<td>HIS 440</td>
<td>Principles and Practices for Teaching History</td>
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History majors must complete an additional 15 semester hours of social studies electives.

This licensure program relies heavily on early and adequate advising. It is the student’s responsibility to meet as soon as possible with both his/her major advisor and the secondary education advisor in the School of Education Office of Student Services. See other sections in this chapter for additional teacher licensure requirements.

Note that some courses identified below may have prerequisites and many satisfy general education requirements. Choose five courses from the list below from at least three different disciplines.

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<td>Cultures of North American Indians</td>
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<td>Geography of the United States and Canada</td>
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PSY 385  IQ and Intelligence
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SOC 101  Introduction to Sociology
SOC 202  Social Problems in Global Context
SOC 323  Global Deviance
SOC 335  Marriage and the Family
SOC 344  Global Society
SOC 362  Sociological Perspectives on Education
SOC 365  Public Opinion and Mass Communication
SOC 420  Family Violence

Application for Teacher Licensure
An application for licensure should be filed with the Office of Student Services within two weeks of graduation. Students should be aware that the licensure process will take six weeks or longer after graduation to be completed.

UNC Greensboro recommends for a teacher’s licensure those students who have completed the appropriate teacher education curriculum, attained acceptable competencies, and whose work has been approved by the appropriate department.

To be licensed in North Carolina, students must meet the specific state requirements for licensure, including an adequate score on relevant Praxis subject-area exams for several licensure programs and demonstration of technology competencies.

Teacher Education Curricula
Programs in teacher education are offered at UNC Greensboro in the four broad areas listed below. Their description is found under the school and/or department listed beside each program. Requirements for teacher licensure are specified in the program descriptions under each respective department.

Birth–12 Licensure
Professions in Deafness—Specialized Education Services

Birth–Kindergarten, Elementary, and Middle Grades Licensure
Auditory/Oral (B–K)—Specialized Education Services
Birth through Kindergarten (B–K)—Human Development and Family Studies
Elementary Education (Grades K–6)—Teacher Education and Higher Education
Middle Grades Education (Grades 6–9)—Teacher Education and Higher Education

K–12 Special Subject-Area Licensure
Art Education—Art
Music—Music Education
Physical Education and Health Teacher Education—Kinesiology
Professions in Deafness—Specialized Education Services
School Social Work—Social Work
Second Language in French and Spanish—Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
Special Education—Specialized Education Services
Theatre Education—Theatre

Secondary Subject-Area Licensure (Grades 9–12)
Comprehensive Science—Biology
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English—English
Latin—Classical Studies
Mathematics—Mathematics and Statistics
Comprehensive Science—Physics and Astronomy
Comprehensive Social Studies—Teacher Education and Higher Education
Integrated Science—Interdepartmental Program