The School of Education is a professional school that strives to prepare outstanding practitioners, study the profession, create and disseminate new knowledge in professional education, and engage in field services and apply research findings. A general discussion of Teacher Education may be found under School of Education Licensure Programs in this Catalog.

The SOE offers over 20 different graduate degree programs, many of which include a range of specialty concentrations to allow our students to focus on topics most relevant to their interests and professional goals. Degree programs include 5 undergraduate programs and 15 graduate programs spanning Master, Specialist, and Doctoral degrees. The 20 degree programs are complemented by numerous non-degree certificate and add-on licensure programs.

- Counseling and Educational Development
- Educational Leadership and Cultural Foundations
- Educational Research Methodology
- Library and Information Science
- Specialized Educational Services
- Teacher Education and Higher Education

The Department of Teacher Education and Higher Education and the Department of Specialized Education Services offer Bachelor of Science programs several of which prepare students for the Standard Professional I License in North Carolina. Undergraduate majors include Elementary Education, Middle Grades Education, Professions in Deafness (Advocacy and Services for the Deaf, Auditory-Oral/Birth–Kindergarten Teacher Licensure; Birth–12 Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher Licensure; and Interpreter Preparation), Special Education (including the Dual Elementary Education and Special Education Concentration with Teacher Licensure), and Elementary Education. All departments in the School of Education offer graduate programs leading to master’s, specialist’s, and doctoral degrees, as well.

The School of Education also supports programs in teacher education conducted under the auspices of other schools (Visual and Performing Arts; Health and Human Sciences) and departments within the College of Arts and Sciences by responding to course requirements in the areas of social, philosophical, and psychological foundations; methodology; curriculum; and student teaching. Recent emphases in competency-based curricula and individualized programming contribute to newly designed teacher education programs.

All licensure programs for school personnel are approved by the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro is accredited under the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Standards through the CAEP Accreditation System, for a period of six years, from 2015-21. UNC Greensboro will seek accreditation under the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Standards in 2021. Formed in 2013, CAEP is the single specialized accreditor for educator preparation, and administers NCATE accreditation.