MAEd Online Cohort in Elementary or Middle Grades Education

The Department of Elementary Education and Middle Grades Education is seeking candidates for each cohort described below. Earn your Master’s degree all online in slightly over only one calendar year from one of the top teacher education programs in the country! ECU’s teacher education programs are nationally recognized. Elementary Education was recently ranked as one of the top 10 elementary education programs in the nation by Teacher.Org and our online graduate programs have also been ranked among the top in the nation. We are seeking the best and brightest to join us!

**Earn your MAEd in Elementary Education or Middle Grades Education in either of these cohorts!**

- **Spring Cohort** beginning in spring semester and ending in the following spring semester – Perfect for the winter graduate waiting for that first job! Begin your new job in the Fall with your Master’s degree almost complete! Priority application deadline Sept. 1. Regular admission deadline Sept. 15. Elementary cohort only. Middle Grades not available.
- **Summer Cohort** beginning in Summer 1 and ending the following summer in the Summer 2 session - Perfect for the practicing teacher! Take only two classes at a time so you can still focus on your classroom! Priority application deadline Feb. 1. Regular admission deadline Feb. 28. Elementary and Middle Grades cohorts available.

**Priority admission**: guaranteed acceptance into cohort if admission requirements are met

**Regular admission**: acceptance into cohort if admission requirements are met and if there are still seats available

**There are many advantages to being in a cohort:**

- Guaranteed course offerings with a minimum of 20 in the cohort
- Students of similar interests and goals to work with during your program
- A feeling of community as your group and professors work together
- Focused advising…all members of a cohort have the same requirements

**What can I do with a Masters in Education?**

- A Masters degree opens many doors for new career opportunities such as:
  - Curriculum specialists with district and/or state education agencies
  - Add-on licensure with some concentrations
  - Instructor positions at colleges and universities
  - Curriculum developers for schools and textbook companies
  - Educational consultants
  - Educational policy developers for state, local and/or national governmental agencies

**Elementary Education Concentrations Available**

- Academically and Intellectually Gifted (Summer start only)
- Early Childhood (Spring and Summer)
- Teacher Leadership (Spring and Summer)
- Teaching Children in Poverty (Summer start only)
- Teaching English as a Second Language (Summer start only)

**Middle Grades Concentrations Available**

- English
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- May also choose to add on Teaching Children in Poverty, AIG, and/or TESL

AIG and TESL, as cohort concentrations, rotate availability every other year with Summer 1 starts. Teacher Leadership and Teaching Children in Poverty are offered yearly with Spring or Summer starts (see above). Early Childhood is offered in Spring or Summer starts every other year. Contact Dr. Greene at greeneh@ecu.edu to check availability.

**NEW Certificate Program**: Teaching Children in Poverty is available as a non-degree seeking, certificate only program in a four-course sequence.
Add on Licensure Opportunities: Available for Academically and Intellectually Gifted and Teaching English as a Second Language. Both available as stand-alone courses in a four-course sequence. Both may also be taken as a concentration within the Elementary Education MAEd program. For more information on the AIG licensure, contact Dr. Angela Novak at novaka@ecu.edu. For more information on TESL, contact Dr. Carol Greene at greeneh@ecu.edu

Apply Now!
- Application is easy and is all online at the Graduate School homepage. http://www.ecu.edu/gradschool/
- When the application process asks if you are applying to a cohort, indicate to which cohort you are applying by identifying the concentration you want as well as your starting semester of choice (Spring or Summer 1 of the year you want to begin)

Application Materials
- Completed online application at http://www.ecu.edu/gradschool/. Look on the right side of webpage and click on the Create Account box. The site will walk you through creating your account and applying for your program.
- Statement of Purpose – why you want to pursue this degree/certificate, what your goals are, etc. Use professional writing. This is a marker of your ability to be successful in graduate level writing.
- Application Fee
- Copy of Teaching License (Must be eligible for, or already have, cleared license for MAEd program. If in Senior II or if you do not have your license cleared yet, rather than uploading a license, submit the Non-Licensure Waiver form. Info below. Once license is received, submit the license to greeneh@ecu.edu and to the Graduate School immediately.
- Non-Licensure Waiver Form – If you have not received your teaching license yet, you must download this form from our website and upload it to your application where it asks you to upload your license.
- Three (3) professional letters of reference - These are sent as an email request to your recommenders from the application system. No need to wait on letters to complete your application!
- GRE or MAT scores. Test may be waived under one of the following two conditions:
  - If you are a practicing teacher with 10 or more years of experience
  - If you are an ECU graduate with a GPA of 3.3 or above
- Official transcripts (may upload unofficial to the application site, but you must send official transcripts to the Graduate School in order for your application to be complete)

Tuition
- Standard Distance Education tuition rates for this cohort apply. $249.26 per credit hour. *Rates may change. Please check website for most current rates.

Financial Aid
- Financial aid may be available. Contact 252-328-6610 or faques@ecu.edu Deadline to apply for ECU scholarships is Jan. 15. You must have applied and been admitted to a program in order to apply for an ECU scholarship. Apply at https://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/universityscholarships/

For more information about any of our graduate programs in Elementary or Middle Grades, please contact Dr. Carol Greene, Associate Chair and Graduate Director, Department of Elementary Education and Middle Grades Education at 252-328-5316 or greeneh@ecu.edu