

Goals of the UNCA Teacher Education Program

The Education Department of the University of North Carolina at Asheville has as its primary mission to provide the professional preparation for a North Carolina Standard Professional I Teaching license with a liberal arts foundation. The Department is committed to serving undergraduates who earn the license as they complete their degree at UNCA, and post-baccalaureate students who have decided to become teachers.

Overarching Unit Goals

- Meet national standards for the Unit.
- Ensure the excellence of all licensure programs in the Unit.
- Respond to the needs of the regional and state-wide teaching community.

Unit Goals for Programs

- Meet the state and national standards relevant to the various programs.
- Meet the Unit Goals for candidates through the various programs.

Unit Goals for Candidates

- Demonstrate depth and breadth in subject area content.
- Apply state and national standards in designing, implementing, differentiating, assessing, and reflecting on instruction while effectively utilizing time, materials, and human resources.
- Demonstrate professional dispositions.

Admission Information

All interested persons should apply for admission to UNCA by contacting the Admissions Office, (828) 251-6481 or toll free 1-800-531-9842. Students must meet university admission requirements.

K-12 Reading Education

The main goal of the K-12 Reading Program is to prepare candidates to be effective reading teachers in the K-12 setting. Objectives include preparing knowledgeable and resourceful teachers who are able to apply research-based approaches in the methods and materials of teaching reading. Candidates will be able to identify and meet the needs of individuals and groups through diagnostic and corrective techniques that are responsive to the reading demands posed in the various K-12 Curriculum areas.

There are two required components to the K-12 Reading Licensure program:

- Completion of the Education, Psychology, and other courses outlined in this brochure, and all other Education Department requirements, in accordance with the Policy and Procedures Manual and current UNCA Catalog.
- Completion of the requirements for an undergraduate major.

Formal Admission to Teacher Education Program

In order to be formally admitted to the UNCA Teacher Education Program, students must

- have earned a 2.5 cumulative grade point average from UNCA or graduating institution.
- have achieved a grade of "C-" or better in Education 310/311 and other Education courses.
- have received acceptable scores as established by the NCDPI on the SAT or ACT, or Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST), as required.
- have satisfactory evaluations on disposition checklists and on each of the abilities/characteristics listed on the Department's Requirements for Licensure contract.

Courses Required for K-12 Reading Licensure **

EDUC 310 Introduction to Education, K-12 (3 hours)*

EDUC 311 Technology Lab & Field Placement (1 hour)*

EDUC 313 Adolescent Literature, 6-12 (3 hours)

EDUC 314 Reading and Writing in the Content Area, 6-12 (3 hours)

EDUC 317 Teaching Language and literature, K-9 (3 hours)

EDUC 380 Methods/Management in Teaching, K-12 (4 hours)

EDUC 388 Reading & Literacy Methods, K-12 (4 hours)

EDUC 389 Diagnosis and Correction of Reading Difficulties, K-12 (4 hours)

EDUC 390 Research Methods in Reading K-12, (1 hour)

EDUC 455 Student Teaching and Seminar, K-12 (6 hours)

EDUC 490 Research and Seminar in Corrective Reading in the Curriculum, K-12 (2 hours)

* See UNCA catalog for prerequisites.

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DRAM 103 Voice Production Lab (1 hour)
PSYC 101 General Psychology: Brain & Behavioral Processes(3)
Or
PSYC 102 General Psychology: Personality & Social Processes (3)

PSYC 312 Psychology of Exceptional Children (3 hours)

PSYC 318 Psychology Applied to Teaching (4 hours)

PSYC 328 Psychology of Language (3 hours)

K-12 Reading at UNCA

Students wishing to be licensed in Reading must meet regularly with their education advisor. For more information, contact:

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