

# NC TEACH

## Information Sheet for LEAs

### What is NC TEACH?

NC TEACH (North Carolina Teachers of Excellence for All Children) is an alternative lateral entry teacher preparation program administered by The University of North Carolina General Administration. Participants complete the program in a traditional face-to-face class format, online or a combination of the two at one of twelve NC TEACH host universities and receive 12-18 semester hours upon completion.

### What makes an NC TEACHER the best choice?

NC TEACH is unique in that it is a comprehensive, cohort based program that offers support and advisement that begins with the recruitment of the prospective teacher, and extends through all program courses and activities through the licensure process. Participants do not “just take a bunch of courses” but rather participate in a supportive university-based learning community around a comprehensive, high quality series of modules/courses, activities, and support that are appropriate to the development of a beginning teacher through his/her first and second year in the classroom.

To date, over 1,500 NC TEACHERs have been employed in more than 150 schools in 85 counties in NC. The retention rate for NC TEACHERs after the first year of teaching is over 80%. NC TEACHERs who obtained the NC lateral entry, clear initial, or continuing teaching license average a greater than 90% retention rate. NC TEACH enrolls and prepares more secondary math and science teachers per year than any other single teacher education program in the state.



### How do I hire an NC TEACHER?

First year lateral entry teachers already employed in your school may be eligible to participate in NC TEACH. You may refer them directly to NC TEACH for further advisement and application information. After an NC TEACH participant completes their pre-service coursework (generally taken in the summer-time) they will be eligible for hire at your school with a provisional lateral entry teaching license. If you have any questions regarding hiring an NC TEACHER please contact their host university coordinator or an NC TEACH staff member.

### How are NC TEACHERs supported to succeed?

NC TEACHERs receive mentoring and support through their host university and they will also receive a beginning teacher mentor through their assigned LEA as a new NC public school teacher. NC TEACH is committed to supporting our participants through a resource-rich website, strong host university connections, our program position within the UNC Center for School Leadership Development and by providing advisement to participants based on their individual needs.

### How can I schedule an information session at my school or district?

Please email or call us to schedule an information session on-site at your school or district.

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### What makes an NC TEACHER highly qualified?

All NC TEACH participants enter the program with a completed Bachelors degree meeting a minimum GPA requirement and passing through a rigorous admissions process. They also enter the program committed to educating North Carolina students bringing practical professional experience in their content area to the classroom. NC TEACH begins with a pre-service program designed to prepare teachers for classroom entrance. All NC TEACH class instructors are either master teachers or university faculty members with expertise in all topics covered in the NC TEACH curriculum. The pre-service program and on-going courses are designed to expose participants to the profession, build a strong sense of shared purpose, and provide the knowledge and skills critical to effectively perform the duties of a teacher immediately upon entering a classroom.

Qualified participants will be recommended for a provisional lateral entry teaching license when they enter a teaching position in a North Carolina public school. While teaching, participants complete requirements for full licensure through NC TEACH at participating host universities. It takes a minimum of 12 months to complete the program and be recommended for a clear initial license.

Participants may choose to complete their coursework online, face to face or blend both delivery models. The NC TEACH curriculum was designed around the premise that teaching is a highly developmental process and includes comprehensive training in:

- The Role of The Teacher, The Learner & The School
- Curriculum & Instruction: Effective Teaching Strategies
- Classroom Organization & Management
- Diversity
- Exceptional Children
- Instructional Technology
- Content Area Teaching Methods



### Where can I direct anyone who is interested in learning more about NC TEACH?

Please visit our website by going to <http://www.ncteach.net>

### How do I get more information?

You may join our e-newsletter by emailing us with this request. Please contact us by phone or email for any additional inquiries you may have.

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