ECU’s Birth through Kindergarten Educator Residency Model (BKERM) is a streamlined cohort model designed to assist residency candidates in meeting residency licensure requirements. Our Birth through Kindergarten program is full distance education across the state of North Carolina! BKERM participants can complete coursework in 18-24 hours of coursework. Candidates have options to complete in the minimum 18 hours or add practical application classes for up to 24 hours total. (Taking 6 hours per semester is the minimum requirement for financial aid eligibility.)

*Note that candidates must fulfill all requirements set forth by NC DPI’s Residency License, specifically in relation to licensure, employment, edTPA -passing score, coursework, GPA, etc. Enrollment in ECU’s BKERM does not guarantee employment within a school district or fulfillment of all licensure requirements.

Advantages of ECU’s Birth through Kindergarten Educator Residency Model:

- **18 hours minimum to complete the** plan of study with continuous enrollment!
- Optional practical application courses completed in your own classroom to give you more guided practice and to make the plan of study financial aid friendly
- **Fully online course offerings** to maximize accessibility!
- Begin coursework immediately upon residency hire! You can begin in the Fall, Spring, or 11-week Summer.
- Discounted distance education tuition.
- Your classroom serves as your internship site for your final semester that meets the requirement for licensure.
- All coursework taught by experienced BK-licensed faculty who have been at the cutting edge of BK distance education throughout the state of North Carolina for years!

How to Apply:

Send your request for BKERM to alternativelicensure@ecu.edu with your information, employer’s information along with a scanned copy of your transcripts and RL form from your employer.
Birth through Kindergarten Educator Residency Model

Steps for Acceptance/Admission

The following steps are provided as a supplementary guide for residency licensure candidates who wish to enroll in East Carolina University’s Birth through Kindergarten Educator Residency Model (BKERM). This model is designed specifically for students who desire online study and are capable of producing high-quality work in an online model. The model consists of a plan of study – 18-24 hours with continuous enrollment. All interested candidates should submit request to alternative licensure@ecu.edu with information that includes: personal information, employer information, scanned copy of transcripts, and RL form.

1. Review the Residency License Policy Documents on the NC DPI website. *As a reminder, you are responsible for securing residency hire with a school district or program.

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2. Secure Residency Hire through an NC DPI-approved program or district.

   Contact your desired school district or program to confirm current vacancies and processes for applying. Once you have secured a teaching position go on to next step.

3. Complete the BK ERM application:

   https://eastcarolinauniversity.formstack.com/forms/bk_educator_residency_application

   This application will include you uploading your RL form and transcripts for review for intake. We have a fall, spring, or 11 week summer start to our BK ERM program.

4. Secure institutional admission with ECU Admissions! admissions@ecu.edu

   Once you’ve confirmed residency hire and your intent to enroll in ECU’s BKERM, please secure institutional admission as an ECU student. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions maintains a Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure application for this purpose. Please work with Admissions to secure admission for the appropriate term. Please find the Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure application here: http://www.ecu.edu/admissions/TeacherLicensure.cfm

   Need Help? Contact Admissions at 252-328-6640 or admissions@ecu.edu

   Finalize enrollment as a Residency Educator in ECU’s BKERM!

*Note: ECU’s BKERM is designed to support teachers in Residency to meet pedagogical coursework required of clearance. It is not designed to facilitate content hours to convert other teaching certificates (Permit to Teach;
Plan of Study (BKERM)

Licensure Clearance Requirements upon completion of plan of study:
- Teach successfully for at least one full year as a lead teacher in a DPI-approved North Carolina LEA
  o Evidence: Your LEA will need to submit a letter verifying success in teaching service (clinical requirement)
- Pass the edTPA which is embedded in your Residency coursework
- Complete BKERM coursework towards licensure
  BKERM participants must maintain a GPA of 2.7 or higher

Plan of Study

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*Practical applications courses are optional; however are recommended for candidates who want more guided practice or need 6 hours per semester for financial aid eligibility. Financial aid not guaranteed.

Special Notes for your BKERM Plan of Study:
- Your plan of study remains valid if:
  - You remain employed as a lead teacher under residency in a DPI-approved North Carolina LEA;
  - You hold an expired residency license in the area for which you have been hired or emergency status with 24 hours of relevant coursework/relevant degree; if you hold an emergency license, you must convert to a residency license to remain in the program
  - The licensure area on your plan of study matches the licensure area on your residency license and service area; ECU only clears Birth through Kindergarten (not Pre-K) These are separate license options with NCDPI
  - You maintain a 2.7 or higher GPA.
**Birth through Kindergarten**

**Educator Residency Model**

*Tuition Snapshot*

*Tuition Rates and Deadlines are enforced and maintained by the ECU Cashier’s Office. For more information, please access their website at http://www.ecu.edu/cashier/ or connect with them via email (Cashier@ecu.edu) or phone (252-737-6886).*

A benefit of ECU’s Educator Residency Model is the utilization of **discounted distance education tuition rates**. ECU’s ERM provides incredible value as a means of residency licensure clearance. In-state tuition for the 2019-20 academic year is roughly $166 per credit hour (in-state). To qualify for in-state tuition, you must have resided in North Carolina for one full year.

>http://www.ecu.edu/cashier/tufee.cfm<

$166 \times 2 \text{ credit hours} = $332 \text{ per 2 credit course}$

$166 \times 4 \text{ credit hours} = $664 \text{ per 4 credit course}$

In total, BKERERM participants complete 18 credit hours within their plan of study.

**At $166 per credit hour, participants pay just $2988 in total to complete the program at 18 hours**

*advertisced tuition projections reflect 2019-20 in-state tuition rates*

*Financial Aid qualification varies depending on which cohort residents participate in.* Please consider sample cohort planners to ensure fit.

- In certain terms, participants *may be eligible* for Financial Aid when they are considered “half-time” (6 credit hours in a given term).
  
  [http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/financial/](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/financial/)

- In other terms, participants *may not be eligible* for Financial Aid and will be encouraged to utilize Tuition Payment Plans offered by the Cashier’s Office. Tuition payment plans are only available Fall and Spring Semesters.
  

It is the candidate’s responsibility to establish residency for the purposes of tuition. Learn more about *establishing in-state residency* through the state’s Residency Determination System (RDS)

*This document is provided as a supplementary guide. For official information, such as tuition rates and deadlines, please consult the [http://www.ecu.edu/cashier/](http://www.ecu.edu/cashier/) website.*