

BIRTH THROUGH KINDERGARTEN EDUCATOR RESIDENCY PROGRAM

ECU's **Birth through Kindergarten (BK) Educator Residency Program** is a streamlined cohort model designed to assist residency candidates in meeting residency licensure requirements. Our BK Educator Residency Program is distance education across the state of North Carolina! Birth through Kindergarten Educator Residency Program 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 BK ERM does not guarantee employment within a school district or fulfillment of all licensure requirements.*

Advantages of ECU's Birth through Kindergarten Educator Residency Program:

- **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!

Send your questions for BK Educator Residency Program to: alternativelicensure@ecu.edu

For more information,
please contact:

**ECU College of
Education Office of
Alternative Licensure
252-328-2700**

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www.ecu.edu/AL

See below for how to apply!

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Steps for Acceptance to BK Educator Residency Program & ECU Undergraduate Admission – Post Baccalaureate

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 Program**. This program is designed specifically for students who desire online study and are capable of producing high-quality work in an online model. The program consists of a plan of study – 18-24 hours with continuous enrollment. All interested candidates should apply at: [BK Educator Residency Program Application](#). You will need the following information to complete the application: personal information, employer information, scanned copy of transcripts and Residency License (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.*

<i>Proving Content Proficiency</i>	<i>Proving Academic Proficiency</i>
Regionally Accredited Bachelor’s Degree	2.7 GPA (on a 4-point scale)
24 Credit Hours of coursework in content area	

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. Connect with us to confirm intent to enroll in ECU’s BK Educator Residency Program!

Apply at: [BK Educator Residency Program Application](#) to begin the process of affiliation with our Educator Preparation Program (EPP) at ECU. We will work with your licensure representative to confirm ECU admission, verify ERM enrollment, and request the residency license from NC DPI. Please note that this process requires careful engagement and timing, so we will collaborate to support you throughout.

Confirm your hire and begin affiliation with ECU’s BK Educator Residency Program!

Be sure to have the following information with your Educator Residency Program application to ECU College of Education: employer information, scanned copy of transcripts and Residency License (RL) form.

4. Secure institutional admission with ECU Admissions – Post Baccalaureate!

Once you’ve confirmed residency hire and your intent to enroll in ECU’s BK Educator Residency Program, please secure university 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](#).

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

Finalize enrollment as a Residency Educator in ECU’s BK Educator Residency Program! Once admitted please email [ECU College of Education Alternative Licensure Office](#) to notify our office of your acceptance into the university.

****Note: ECU’s BK Educator Residency Program 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 (ie: Permit to Teach).***

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BK Educator Residency Program Plan of Study

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**
 - *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 BK Educator Residency Program coursework towards licensure**
BK Educator Residency Program participants must maintain a **GPA of 2.7 or higher**

Plan of Study

Fall	HDFS 4700	Planning Curriculum to Support Learning in the BK Classroom	4 sh
	HDFS 4710*	Practical Applications in Planning Curriculum to Support Learning in the BK Classroom	2 sh*
Spring	HDFS 4701	Teaching Strategies to Support Learning in the BK Classroom	4 sh
	HDFS 4711*	Practical Applications in Teaching Strategies to Support Learning in the BK Classroom	2 sh*
Summer	HDFS 4702	Assessing Learning and Development in the BK Classroom	4 sh
	HDFS 4712*	Practical Applications in Assessing Learning and Development in the BK Classroom	2 sh*
Fall/Spring	HDFS 4703	BK Residency edTPA Support	2sh
	HDFS 4704	BK Residency Supervision	4 sh
			18 - 24 sh

**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 is not guaranteed.*

Special Notes for your BK Educator Residency Program 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 unexpired 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) as that is a separate license options with NCDPI
 - You maintain a 2.7 or higher GPA

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Tuition Snapshot

Tuition Rates and Deadlines are enforced and maintained by the ECU Cashier's Office. For more information, please access their [website](#) or connect with them via [email](#) or via phone at 252-737-6886.

A benefit of ECU's Educator Residency Program is the utilization of discounted distance education tuition rates. ECU's Educator Residency Program provides incredible value as a means of residency licensure clearance. **In-state tuition** is currently \$205 per credit hour (in-state). To qualify for in-state tuition, you must have resided in North Carolina for one full year.

Distance Education Tuition & Fees

\$205 x 2 credit hours = \$410 per 2-credit course

\$205 x 4 credit hours = \$820 per 4-credit course

In total, BK Educator Residency Program participants complete 18 credit hours within their plan of study.

At \$205 per credit hour, participants pay \$3690 in total to complete the program at 18 hours.

advertised tuition projections reflect current in-state tuition rates and subject to change

Financial Aid

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).
- 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 and subject to change without notice. For official information, such as tuition rates and deadlines, please consult [ECU Cashier's Office](#).