

## Educator Residency Program Policy Statements

***By accepting the offer to affiliate with East Carolina University's Educator Residency Program and securing institutional admission for the respective term, you are confirming your understanding and acceptance of Educator Residency Program policies and NCDPI licensure requirements:***

- You must secure institutional admission via Undergraduate Admissions for the respective term as a [Post Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure](#) admit.
- You must enroll through ECU Undergraduate Admissions after your acceptance into ECU College of Education Educator Residency Program. If you do not complete enrollment, ECU will notify NC Department of Public Instruction to begin the process of rescinding your residency license status as you must be affiliated with an EPP.
- You will be registered each term by your Educator Residency Program advisor who will support your Educator Residency Program experience. As a courtesy, registration is automated for the cohort and based upon the term under which you apply. **You are responsible for withdrawing from coursework should you not be able to participate in a given semester.** If your intentions change or tuition is unpaid, you are required to inform your Educator Residency Program advisor.
- You are a member of a cohort and are expected to follow the sequence of classes as outlined by ECU's Educator Residency Program, paying tuition by the university deadline. **If you deviate from the cohort, you may be removed from the Educator Residency Program**, as enrollment guarantees are based upon cohort participation (6 courses – 18 total hours with continuous enrollment will be required as this is a fast-track alternative route to licensure).
- You must have a 2.7 GPA or higher to begin coursework on the Educator Residency Program plan of study. Candidates must earn a grade of C or better in all Residency coursework and must have at least a 2.7 GPA prior to enrolling in the final Residency II course. We encourage candidates to work towards a B minus or higher in all courses to ensure the 2.7 GPA requirement for Residency II coursework is met. It is important to note that a letter grade of a C is below a 2.7 GPA.
- Candidates of residency are **required to successfully complete edTPA, licensure exam(s), and coursework for an ECU recommendation for teacher licensure.** In addition, **candidates GPA must be 2.7 or higher to be registered for Residency II.** If not, the advisor can work to take additional courses outside of the plan of study to possibly assist the candidate to get back in good standing. Candidates who do not earn passing scores on edTPA and/or licensure exams will be required to remediate, as ECU cannot offer an educator preparation program recommendation without successful completion of both components. It is the responsibility of Educator Residency Program participants to fund edTPA evaluation and testing attempts. The respective links share more about costs associated with [edTPA](#), [Praxis](#), & [Pearson](#).
- As a candidate in the ECU Residency program, you would be responsible for following expectations for ethical and professional behavior to the profession. Please review the [ECU Dispositions Rubric](#) that is the expectation for our candidates to follow.  
Other offenses or conduct that causes the candidate's character or fitness for the teaching profession to be questioned, such as but not limited to, inappropriate use of social media to display inappropriate or illegal personal behaviors; inappropriate comments or pictures about the clinical placement site, any PK-12 students, administration, or faculty; unauthorized posts about or pictures of, any PK-12 students; inappropriate physical contact or contact by phone, text, email, or social media apps of minors or PK-12 students; derogatory or character defaming posts of others, etc. may be grounds for dismissal from the program.  
Refer to the NC Professional Teaching Standard (Appendix 11); the Technical Standards for Admission to, and Progression in Educator Preparation at ECU (Appendix 12); and the Code of Ethics for North Carolina Teachers (Appendix 13) in the [ECU Educator Preparation Handbook \(Apple Book\)](#).  
Violations of professional disposition expectations may result in removal from the Educator Residency Program and disaffiliation for the purposes of fulfilling licensure requirements.
- **ECU may share information related to your ERM standing with the LEA of which you are employed**, including grades, plan of study, withdrawal, progress, GPA, etc. Any change in your employing LEA and/or teaching assignment must be reported to your advisor within 10 days. While ECU's ERM and your advisor provide supplementary assistance, it is the candidate's responsibility to fulfill all other requirements of licensure clearance set forth by NC DPI, including testing and service requirements.

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_