

We invite you to join the upcoming Master of Arts in Education Cohort in Science Education—2024-2026

The online MAEd in Science Education is designed for the busy, cost-conscious professional.

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The Master of Arts in Education (MAEd) Cohort in Science Education is a **100% online program** that begins each fall and concludes with the spring semester, 21 months later. It is practitioner-oriented and designed to sharpen instructional expertise, develop research skills, deepen science knowledge, and promote leader-ship in science education. Completing this program allows you to:

- Earn your master's degree for 60% less cost than comparable on-campus programs
- Cohort schedule is 21 months; 12 months for full-time students
- Obtain M-Level License (must pass Praxis II in HS or MS science)
- Expand career opportunities
- Option: Explore human impact on coastal ecosystems through study abroad. Location changes each year, with 2024 in Spain.
- Interact with colleagues in a cohort model
- · Join the cohort as an informal science educator
- Explore the latest research on science teaching and learning
- Design and conduct research in your own classroom
- Evaluate technologies for teaching and learning science
- Complete assignments that prepare you for the NBPTS



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The MAEd Cohort in Science Education - Fact Sheet

Cohort Advantages: Advantages to participating in a science education cohort are having a fixed schedule of courses, receiving assistance with the application, and having support with registration. The learning community is set, providing maximum opportunity for growth and continuity.

Is Distance Education Right for Me? Distance learning offers a large degree of convenience and flexibility, but it is important to note that these courses require the same level of commitment and effort as attending a class on campus. Completing a distance education degree is a great choice for many people, particularly those with full-time employment and family obligations.

Cohort Sequence of Courses:

Semester	Course	Name
Fall 2024	SCIE 6004	Investigations in Physical Science for Teachers
Fall 2024	SCIE 6030	Technology in Science Teaching, Learning & Prof. Dev.
Spring 2025	SCIE 6003*	Advanced Studies in Biological Science for Teachers
Spring 2025	SCIE 6005*	Advanced Studies in Earth Systems Science for Teachers
Summer II 2025	EDUC 6001	Introduction to Differences in Learning
Summer II 2025	SCIE 6020	Perspectives on Science Education
Fall 2025	SCIE 6310	Advanced Methods in Science Teaching
Fall 2025	SCIE 6500	Understanding and Engaging in Educational Research
Spring 2026	SCIE 6320	Advanced Methods of Assessment in Science Education
Spring 2026	SCIE 6600	Action Research in Teaching

^{*} SCIE 6100 2025 Summer I Study Abroad experience on human impact in coastal ecosystems (location TBD) may be taken in place of one of these courses (SCIE 6003 or SCIE 6005).

Requirements for Admission: Application, official transcripts, a copy of your North Carolina teaching license (we grant waivers for those without an NC teaching license), two letters of recommendation from individuals aware of your potential as a graduate student, and a statement of purpose. Applicants must have an overall undergraduate GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale. To apply, go to https://gradschool.ecu.edu/prospective-students/ and click on Start Application. Application deadline for Fall 2023 is 1 August 2023.

Tuition: DE fees cost less than face-to-face fees. Current cost (tuition and fees) of graduate distance education for NC residents is \$869 per course as of Spring 2023. Include savings realized by not driving to campus, paying for parking, etc. and the online **program costs almost 60% less than what a comparable on-campus program costs** (\$8680 versus \$21,000).

Funding: MAEd students seek funding from their districts, the NC Science Teachers Association, ECU Scholarships, and loan forgiveness programs (NC FELS, Stafford, Perkins).

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