Welcome to another exciting semester! The career you have chosen is a noble one and as Henry Brooks Adams said, "a teacher affects eternity, he (she) can never tell where his (her) influence stops." All of us in the Department of Elementary are proud of you and are here for you. There are many challenges facing education today, so I commend all of you for taking the challenge and working to meet your personal goal.

Update:

We in the Department of Elementary Education are committed to your success. We desire for all teacher candidates to know the content and we want you to be ready to teach when you complete our program. Among the requirements for being ready to teach are the content licensing tests required by the State of North Carolina, namely, the Pearson Foundations of Reading Test and General Curriculum Tests. The faculty, along with the Dean of the College of Education, and the Teacher Education Committee, are asking that method students take these tests during the fall and that the fall clinical experience candidates take these tests before concluding their clinical experience. We will have test preparation workshops, sample test-like questions, and tutoring sessions throughout the semester. We have entered you into our Canvas Site (NC Test Preparation), which includes a multitude of resources and study aids. The following site is where you can find the correct information for review and register: https://www.nc.nesinc.com/.

Also, this semester, the faculty will be supporting all teaching candidates as they work toward the edTPA, which is a performance-based assessment designed to determine if new teachers are ready to enter the profession with skills necessary to help all children learn. The edTPA portfolio will be completed during the clinical experience. We are here to support you and assist with this endeavor.

Please take note of these changes and assessments that are required. Please review the flowchart to help guide you towards a successful program completion. We know with your hard work and determination you will succeed. Please free to contact me with any questions.

B-K News/Accreditation

The Birth-Kindergarten teaching and non-teaching programs will soon be reviewed for national accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. An accreditation team will be on campus October 1-4, 2017 to talk to our faculty, administrators and to our students.
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STAGES TO BECOMING A TEACHER FOR OUR CANDIDATES

- Core Academic Tests for Teachers or SAT/ACT
- Not needed for Licensure Only Candidates
- Interview
- Written Essay
- GPA: 2.7

PEARSON Foundations of Reading Test & PEARSON General Curriculum Test

Please take note - Only after taking the Pearson Reading & General Curriculum tests may one proceed to the clinical experience stage.

- Take these tests during methods courses.
- Required prior to clinical experience.
- Please Note - Cannot Proceed To Next Step Without Taking these two tests.

Student Teaching is now referred to as "clinical experience."

The edTPA is a performance-based assessment, which teacher candidates complete during clinical teaching semester as a licensure requirement. The edTPA consists of three tasks: Task 1 – Planning, Task 2 – Instruction, and Task 3 – Assessment. This is a portfolio completed during clinical experience with assistance of the clinical K-6 educator. Skills demonstrated in this portfolio are skills learned in previous education courses especially methods courses. Please note this portfolio is evaluated by Pearson. It will be submitted to Taskstream first and then will be submitted to Pearson for formal evaluation.

The edTPA Teaching Cycle is Focused on Student Learning

Planning
- Building Content Understanding
- Supporting Learning Needs
- Using Knowledge of Students
- Assessments to Monitor Student Learning

Instruction
- Learning Environment
- Engagement in Learning
- Deepening Thinking
- Subject Specific Pedagogy

Assessment
- Analysis of Student Learning
- Providing Feedback
- Supporting Student Use of Feedback

Student Learning
Pearson Information

Please refer to http://www.nc.nesinc.com/Home.aspx for test registration for the Pearson Foundations of Reading & the General Curriculum Test. Also, resources for Pearson will be found in our Canvas site. In addition, the link for resources and websites for all Pearson tests can be found in the Test Prep link on the department page below.

http://www.uncfsu.edu/elementary-ed

edTPA

Fall Clinical Experience Candidates will be enrolled in the edTPA Canvas site, which contains resources to support your portfolio development.

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We encourage you to join the Elementary Education Major’s Club, or the B-K Major’s Club and/or Future Educator’s Club (FEC). See your advisor for further details.