edTPA

edTPA is an assessment of teacher education candidates’ skills in planning instruction, conducting instruction, and assessment of student learning. It is a nationally used assessment and is scored by professional educators external to WCU. The edTPA assessment is required for all Intern II teacher candidates and passing it is a requirement for a North Carolina teaching license. The graphs below present our recent edTPA results. Note that in North Carolina, candidates pass edTPA with a score of 38 or higher.
Exit Criteria

The Exit Criteria is an assessment of teacher education candidate’s capacity to teach according to the NC state teaching standards. This is assessed near the end of each candidates' clinical experience. The assessment is aligned to the NC Teaching Standards:

1. Teachers Demonstrate Leadership
2. Teachers Establish a Respectful Environment for a Diverse Population of Students
3. Teachers Know the Content They Teach
4. Teachers Facilitate Learning for Their Students
5. Teachers Reflect on Their Practice

The graph below presents our recent CTC results. Note that candidates are required to rate a 3 or higher on the Exit Criteria to be recommended for a license in North Carolina.