Residency Licensure Pathways

The Fayetteville State University (FSU) College of Education appreciates your consideration as you consider your next career goal. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) no longer issues lateral entry licenses. Now, NCDPI offers the Residency Licensure Program for those wishing to teach while completing the coursework, licensure and performance tests required for a NC teaching license.

FSU participates in Residency Licensure programs across many content areas through three pathways:

1. enrollment in a Master of Arts in Teaching program* to earn an initial teaching license,
2. enrollment in a licensure-only program* offered by an educator preparation program/College of Education, or
3. enrollment in a second bachelor’s degree* in teacher education.

*For those who do not have a GPA of 2.7 or higher, 6-9 credit hours must be taken to earn a post-bac GPA of 3.0 or higher before being admitted to a Residency Licensure program.

After enrollment in one of the pathways, residency applicants will need to email Dr. Jenny Washington the following documents in one email.

1. Proof of admission to FSU (Admission Letter)
2. A copy of their transcripts
3. The signed Plan of Study received from the FSU faculty member in the department offering the license sought
4. The Form RL signed by the LEA (Human Resources Representative) with the Residency Candidate’s information completed.

For additional information regarding the residency program, how to enroll at FSU and receive a plan of study, or to complete your FORM RL, please contact the following:

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