



Office of Distance Education
College of Education

Middle Grades and Secondary Education Graduate Certificate in Teaching
English, Math, Science, Social Studies
&
Master of Arts in Teaching
Math, Science, Social Studies

*Note: The educational resources are limited to the state of North Carolina.
At this time, we are unable to offer these programs to those geographically located outside the state of North Carolina.*
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North Carolina public school teachers with provisional or emergency licensure, North Carolina teachers wishing to change licensure fields, and North Carolina geographically located individuals who are changing careers to become teachers, can either complete the 18-hour Standard Professional I License Requirement for middle grades or secondary education, or pursue the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.), "M" level, through online/distance education courses. The online Graduate Certificate in Teaching Program areas of concentration are English, Math, Social Studies or Science. For the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.), in the areas of Math, Social Studies and Science, students can complete (at least) thirty credit-hours (of the required 39) in an online format.

The Graduate Certificate in Teaching leads to the initial teaching license, called the Standard Professional I license. The Master of Arts in Teaching leads first to the initial teaching license at the end of Phase I, then to the advanced teaching license at the end of Phase II. Phase II requires full time teaching experience.

Our Online Middle Grades and Secondary Education Licensure Distance Education Programs are designed for those who are taking all core hours, in a cohort, as online courses. In a cohort, you indicate a desire and willingness to begin the online sequenced courses in a certain semester and finish the courses in the time period they are offered for that cohort. If you decide to skip a course, it is not guaranteed that a seat will be available to you for a course that is not in your cohort's sequence.

For UNC Charlotte's plan for licensure, begin by reviewing the over-arching licensure program requirements (<http://education.uncc.edu/MAT/>). You can opt to take the core hours; in an online, cohort, format. View the brochure, course descriptions, and other pertinent information at: <http://www.distanceed.uncc.edu/programs/mdsk/Default.aspx> .

To fulfill clinical hour requirements, non-practicing teachers must be able to travel, up to 50 miles one way, to a UNC Charlotte designated North Carolina school; current practicing teachers must teach at a North Carolina public school or a North Carolina private school-approved by UNC Charlotte's Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education. Clinical hours average 20 hours per semester, per course.

ACADEMIC PERMITS/AUTHORIZATIONS

Academic approval is required for some Middle/Secondary courses. If admitted to the Graduate Certificate in Teaching, the Master of Arts in Teaching, or a visiting student, contact the Dept. of Middle Grades/Secondary (<http://education.uncc.edu/mdsk/> , or 704-687-8875). All others contact the Office of Teacher Education Advising and Licensure (704-687-8725) or your academic advisor.

OTHER INFORMATION

For information on UNC Charlotte's plan for licensure, and other academic questions, go to <http://education.uncc.edu/teal/> or <http://education.uncc.edu/MAT/> or call the TEAL Office, 704-687-8725.

For the Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education, go to: <http://education.uncc.edu/mdsk/>

For the Office of Graduate Admissions, and application information, go to <http://www.uncc.edu/gradmiss/prospect.html>

If your interest is not in the full online program, but in one or more program courses, know that first priority to seats, in each course, is given to those in the current cohort - taking all core hours as online courses. If seats remain, non-Distance Education Program students may self-register, beginning one month prior to the start of the semester; during the open enrollment period. Every semester, including summer, it becomes increasingly difficult to speculate on the possible number of seats that will become available. Alternate course options: Off-site/online - <http://education.uncc.edu/lateralentry/>; on-campus, www.uncc.edu .

CONFIRM YOUR INTEREST

Let the Distance Education Office Know About You: <http://www.distanceed.uncc.edu/programs/mdsk/Admission.aspx> .

Contact me if you have additional questions.

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