Education.

Carolina’s School of Education has a history of innovation in educating teachers.

The School of Education had its beginnings in 1877 when Carolina held the first university-based summer school for teachers in America. Within a decade, the University had established the Department of Pedagogy, making education one of the only three Carolina professional schools founded in the 19th century.

Today, the School of Education continues to innovate.

The School is designing a new program that will enable students to complete a bachelor’s degree and a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree in approximately five years.

The new program, being designed now and subject to further University-level approvals, will

- More intently focus on North Carolina’s greatest needs – including elementary education, middle grades education, math, science, English as a Second Language, literacy and special education.
- Provide more opportunity to infuse teacher-preparation efforts with understandings of best practices developed by educational research.
- Provide more focused preparation for teachers who will work in environments in which they are being more extensively scrutinized.

The new combined Bachelor’s/MAT program is expected to begin in Summer 2017. Current UNC students will be allowed to take up to nine credit hours of approved graduate-level coursework prior to official admission to the MAT. (These nine hours cannot also be counted toward those needed for the undergraduate degree.) Courses are expected to be offered beginning Fall 2016.

Programs for Science and Math and Music majors
Undergraduates are also invited to explore the UNC-BEST program through which students majoring in biology, chemistry, geology, mathematics and physics may also complete requirements for licensure to teach high school. Students may also obtain a Bachelor in Music, with the opportunity to obtain licensure as a K-12 music education.

More information: http://soe.unc.edu
Major in Education.

There's something new at Carolina!

Carolina students care deeply about education. They care about passionately pursuing their own educational opportunities. They also care about society offering the promise of education.

The School of Education’s Minor in Education arms students with the capacity to think critically about educational issues and to participate in public debates about them.

The Minor in Education examines the role of education in a democratic society. It will take students on an exploration of the landscape of education, gaining perspective from students’ own learning processes as a basis for a better understanding of how learning happens. Students participating in the Minor will make connections with other disciplines, integrating perspectives from their major.

What is the Minor in Education?

A sequence of five courses offered in the College of Arts and Sciences and in the School of Education that address a range of educational topics and issues. The courses would include: three approved minor courses offered by the School of Education; a course outside of the School of Education; and an Education Capstone course.

Which students may be interested?

Students who are interested in current educational issues; want to learn more about the role of schools in a democratic society; are curious about their own learning process as a basis for understanding learning more generally; and, wish to explore professions in education, particularly the diversity of professional opportunities, including teaching.

Some of the Minor in Education courses

- EDUC 504: What we can learn… Cognitive Psychology & Learning Sciences
- EDUC 505: Leadership in Educational/Nonprofit Setting
- EDUC 510: Mexican American/Chican@ Experience in Education

How do I join the Minor in Education?

Students are required to apply for admission. Applications are submitted each fall for students to begin course work in the minor in the spring. To apply, students must be in good academic standing. The application consists of a statement of purpose describing the reason for pursuing the Minor in Education. First-year, sophomore and junior students are all eligible to apply. Applications will open on the first day of class each fall and be available for approximately one month.

Apply online here: https://educdata.soe.unc.edu/undergrad_minor

Where can I find more information?

Visit http://soe.unc.edu/academics/education-minor/