**Classrooms to Careers in**

**Meredith 5+ Program**

**Are you interested in**:

* teaching special education
* English as a second language

For undergraduates who are interested in special education or ESL and who want to get started, the 5+ Program is for you. The 5+ Program in special education—general curriculum (K-12) or ESL (K-12) enables qualified seniors to take two courses in the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program *while they are undergraduates.*

For undergraduates who discover their interest in teaching late in their college experience, the Master of Arts in Teaching is a great way to become a teacher. The 5+ Program gives you an opportunity to begin your journey as an undergraduate.

**Types of jobs:**

Special education teacher (K-12) in public, private, or charter schools;

Teacher of English as a second language (K-12) in public, private, or charter schools;

Tutor.

**Or attend further graduate school for**:

* special education administrator,
* curriculum and instruction specialist,
* school administration (with teaching experience),
* college professor,
* research and evaluation

**Options for the program**

* During your first year at Meredith, take the critical thinking seminar called “Education Under Fire!” as an elective. This will give you an opportunity to debate important issues in education and to visit schools.
* Explore your options. Enroll in EDU 501 The Special Educator, a one-credit course designed to help you explore special education before you commit to a graduate program.
* Take advantage of the 5+ program! Start your graduate education while you are an undergraduate.
* Aim for Kappa Delta Pi, the education honor society.

**Professional Associations –**

Council for Exceptional Children

National Association for Gifted Children

Teachers of Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

National Association of Elementary School Principals

National Association of Secondary School Principals

North Carolina Association of Educators

Professional Educators of North Carolina

Kappa Delta Pi

**Career Outlook –**

Special Education Teacher, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/special-education-teachers.htm>

ESL Teacher, <http://www.bls.gov/oes/2006/may/oes253011.htm>

**Optional Information –**

Meredith College faculty and staff work closely with public school teachers and administrators. This helps us design programs to prepare you for real classrooms. We see you as a future teacher-leader!