**Classrooms to Careers in**

**Master of Arts in Teaching**

**Are you interested in:** elementary education, a special education teacher, or n ESL?

Meredith College offers the Master of Arts in Teaching in elementary education (K-6), special education—general curriculum (K-12), and English as a second language (K-12). The Master of Arts in Teaching programs are for the committed adult who holds an undergraduate degree in a subject other than education. Following a full-time plan of study, a student can complete the intense program in 15 months. 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.

**Types of jobs:**

* Elementary teacher in public, private, or charter schools;
* Special education teacher in public, private, or charter schools; or
* Teacher of English as a Second Language in public, private, or charter schools;
* Education specialist for museums, camps, and other organizations that provide programs for children;
* Tutor.

**Or attend further graduate school for**:

* Elementary education,
* reading specialist,
* special education,
* academically and intellectually gifted education,
* English as a second language,
* curriculum and instruction specialist,
* school administration (with teaching experience)

**Options for the program**

* Take EDU 501 The Special Educator as an undergraduate. This one-credit course gives you a chance to explore the field of special education. It’s the perfect course for a student who wants to learn more about special education before fully committing to a graduate program.
* Begin your graduate work as a senior. Check out the 5+ Program in Special Education or ESL for qualified seniors.
* Choose a full-time or part-time program of study.
* Work part-time while you are in graduate school. All courses meet in the evening.
* Tutor in a community after-school program, as part of a required course.
* Participate in school-based field placements. In all of your required Education courses, you will have a placement in a school. You will tutor students, observe teachers, and have the opportunity as you are ready to teach.
* Teach in a public school during your semester-long teaching internship.
* Aim for Kappa Delta Pi, the education honor society.
* Continue to receive support from Meredith College faculty. Upon request, faculty offer beginning teacher and on-going career support. Stay in touch!

**Professional Associations –**

North Carolina Association of Elementary Educators

National Association of Teachers of Mathematics

National Council of Teachers of English

National Science Teachers Association

National Council for the Social Studies

Council for Exceptional Children

National Association for Gifted Children

Teachers of Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

North Carolina Association of Educators

Professional Educators of North Carolina

National Association of Elementary School Principals

National Association of Secondary School Principals

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!